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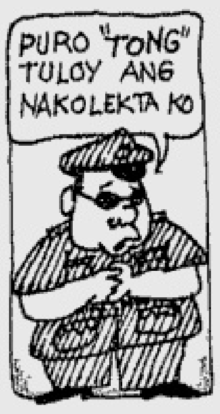
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GMA flip-flops on Guingona

More heads will roll in 'jueteng' drive—Lina

"MORE heads will roll."

Interior Secretary Jose Lina made this promise as he defended the decision of the National Police Commission, which he chairs, to relieve seven police officials of their posts for failure to eradicate "jueteng" in their commands.

The relief of Deputy Director General Edgar Aglipay, Chief Supt. Reynaldo Berroya, Director Avelino Razon Jr., Director Domingo Reyes, Senior Supt. Leonilo de la Cruz, Senior Supt. Jose Antonio Salvacion and Chief Supt. Nicolas Pasinos Jr. gained bipartisan support from the Senate. It also drew criticism.

There's more to the relief of the seven police officials than jueteng, according to a police official who was relieved of his command.

The more plausible reason was the vice presidential or senatorial ambition of Lina, said the official who requested anonymity.

"The neck of Secretary Lina is next on the chopping board. The President (Macapagal-Arroyo) is not entirely happy with the results of his drive against jueteng. To preempt the move of the President, he relieved the police officials so he could continue projecting the image of an anti-illegal gambling czar, which he is not," the official said.

"If the President axes him, she would appear to be pro-gambling," the source added.

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A mistake, Malacañang says of letter accepting his resignation as DFA chief

FOR most of the day yesterday, it looked like President Macapagal and Vice President Guingona had finally parted ways because of "honest differences in opinions." Last night, after a closed-door meeting, Guingona announced he was still the secretary of foreign affairs. Photo was taken before the start of a Cabinet meeting at the Palace last year. EDWIN BACASMAS

By Carlito Pablo and Norman Bordadora

THE ROYAL confusion that yesterday attended President Macapagal-Arroyo's acceptance of Vice President Teofisto Guingona's supposed resignation as secretary of foreign affairs ended last night with the latter announcing that he was staying put and Malacañang officials with egg on their face.

"Good evening, I am still the secretary of the (Department of Foreign Affairs)," Guingona told reporters after emerging from a meeting with the President in Malacañang.

"I reiterate my position that I have not resigned and I am not resigning," he said, adding that he had been designated to represent Ms Macapagal at a gathering of the Filipino community in the United States on Aug. 13.

"That's all I have to say," he said, leaving acting Executive Secretary Avelino Cruz and acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable to explain the mess.

Guingona arrived at the Palace at about 6:30 p.m. and left less than an hour later for a speaking engagement at the Manila Overseas Press Club at the Manila Hotel.

Hours earlier, Malacañang released copies of the President's letter to Guingona dated June 26 expressing gratitude to him for "relinquishing" the foreign affairs portfolio and offering him the post of adviser for foreign affairs.

Afable said last night that he got a copy of the letter from the Office of the Executive Secretary, of which Cruz is the acting chief while Alberto Romulo is recuperating from a heart bypass operation.

"I thought it was for release," Afable said. "It was a mistake on my part. It was really meant to be torn up because it was not meant to be sent to the Vice President."

Afable said he checked the matter with the President only after Guingona was interviewed by the media and denied that he had resigned as secretary of foreign affairs.

"It was a mistake," Afable reiterated.

GMA/A20

US troops to stay longer in RP, says Rumsfeld

WASHINGTON—US Special Forces are likely to continue training small units of the Armed Forces of the Philippines even after the end of the six-month Balikatan training exercise, US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Wednesday.

But the bulk of the US forces will pull out by July 31 when they are scheduled to wind up their counterterrorism exercise with Filipino troops, according to Rumsfeld.

He told reporters that US forces would begin training Filipino troops at the company level later this month or the next.

Rumsfeld said this company-level training would likely be carried over under a new phase of the counterterrorism exercise.

"We very likely will continue—not continue—but have some arrangement with respect to operating with somewhat smaller levels," he said.

The Pentagon earlier announced the approval of a plan to send American troops on combat patrol with Filipino soldiers fighting Abu Sayyaf bandits in Basilan.

Defense officials, however, said then that the plan would not allow US

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1Lt. Apura: 'A dutiful son, a gallant soldier'

By Joselle Badilla
PDI Mindanao Bureau
and Jasmine W. Payo

JESSIE James Apura was named commanding officer of the 9th Special Forces Company only on May 10, but battling the Abu Sayyaf was not new to him.

Assigned to Basilan in July 1998, Apura figured prominently in several clashes against the bandit group, particularly in the effort to recover the Sipadan hostages abducted in April 2000. Because of his acts, he received two Gold Cross Awards for gallantry in the face of the enemy—the fourth highest award in the military.

For his participation in numerous campaigns against the bandit group, he had also been recommended for

LT. APURA/A20

ARMY soldiers carry the body of 1Lt. Jessie James Apura (inset: PMA Class 1997 photo) upon arrival at the Southcom headquarters in Zamboanga City. The young officer was killed in action in Patikul, Sulu. DENNIS SABANGAN

'Sacking' sends rumor mill into overdrive

By Carlito Pablo and Cynthia D. Balana

THE RUMOR mill hummed back to life yesterday after Malacañang announced that President Macapagal-Arroyo had accepted the resignation of Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. as secretary of foreign affairs.

The announcement—later retracted—amplified persistent talks of fresh movements in the Cabinet following the recent resignation of Pantaleon Alvarez as transportation secretary.

There are murmurs, for example, that the Palace is looking for a less strenuous post for Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, who is on leave after undergoing double heart bypass surgery on May 19.

But quarters close to Romulo strongly denied this. "He will report back to work full time on July 1 as scheduled, and we are sure these speculations will die then," a source said.

The buzz is that Interior Secretary Jose Lina, who the other day ordered the relief of seven ranking police officers for their failure to curb "jueteng" operations, is being groomed for Romulo's position.

At a press conference, Sen. Edgardo

SACKING/A20

Scout Rangers battle 100 Abus in Sulu; 1 dead, 6 hurt

By Martin Marfil, *in Manila*
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AT LEAST a hundred Abu Sayyaf bandits clashed with a company of Scout Rangers in Patikul, Sulu, at dawn yesterday, killing the company commander and wounding six soldiers. The bandits were likely led by Abu Sayyaf chieftain Khadaffy Janjalani, the ranking military officer in Mindanao told reporters.

Maj. Gen. Ernesto Carolina, head of the Southern Command, said the military believed Basilan-based Janjalani had merged his forces with those of Radulan Sahiron, the one-armed Sulu bandit known as Commander Putol, who has a P5-million bounty on his head.

The clash, which claimed the life of 1Lt. Jessie James Lacson Apura, followed recent intense activity in the area, with US spy planes doing fly-bys the past three nights and AFP C-130s ferrying soldiers and war materiel the

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'WAG IWANAN ANG PAMILYA NINYO!

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Stay for families' sake, Church urges Pinoys

By Blanche S. Rivera and Samira Ali Gotoc

DISTURBED by survey results showing that one out of every five Filipinos want to leave because they think the Philippines is hopeless, Church leaders yesterday urged Filipinos to reconsider their plans to emigrate or work abroad to preserve the integrity of their families.

Only those without spouses and children "should take up the challenge of working abroad" because the family becomes more vulnerable in the absence of parents, said Bishop Socrates Villegas.

"This is not just a social but a spiritual problem. It has destroyed so many families," Villegas said at a press briefing on the World Meeting of Families to be held in Manila next year.

Greener pastures

A Pulse Asia survey carried out between March and April revealed that 19 percent of Filipinos think that the country is hopeless and would like to live in another country if only they had the means to do so.

Most of those who wanted to leave came from the ABC socioeconomic classes, while 26 percent of Metro Manilans wanted to go abroad because they saw more opportunities in foreign lands.

The former ambassador to the Vatican Henrietta Villa said Pope John Paul II's choice of the Philippines as the venue for the 4th World Meeting of Families proved that the country was not hopeless.

"How can we say that we are a hopeless country when we are (being) held up as a nation that could impel hope for a better world?" Villa said in a speech yesterday.

If even the Pope himself has shown how much he believed in the Philippines, there was no reason for Filipinos to want to leave their own country out of despair, she said.

But even as he asked Filipinos to consider the adverse effects of emigration, Villegas saw a positive side to the phenomenon.

Missionaries

He said overseas Filipino workers have been known to practice their faith while living in a foreign land and inspire their employers to also seek God.

He said the seven million OFWs could act as missionaries to evangelize people.

Though the Pulse Asia poll did not differentiate respondents as to ethnic or religious orientation, a random survey of young Muslim professionals indicated a preference to continue to live in the Philippines, particularly in Mindanao.

The young Muslim interviewees were mostly graduates of Manila-based universities, some with graduate and post-graduate degrees, and all belonging to the ABC socio-economic class.

Sticking it out

Despite receiving taunts and being called names like "Sabaya" or "Abu Sayyaf," they would rather "stick it out and not turn their back on their ancestral land and history," they said.

Ayessa Abubakar, 30, a graduate in development management from the Asian Institute of Management, said she hoped to return to her home in Datu Piang, Maguindanao, and develop the land she inherited from her parents.

Abubakar heads the Magbassa Kita Foundation, a non-government organization that conducts training in literacy among rural Muslims.

She said that young Muslim professionals like her have "big dreams of helping the Muslim provinces" and regard their education as a "privilege and a duty to give back what our forefathers have defended - our land and sultanate."

Pinoy Times, Newsbreak top Ongpin Awards

THE DEFUNCT Pinoy Times newspaper and Newsbreak magazine won top honors in the 2001 Jaime V. Ongpin Awards for Excellence in Journalism, which were handed out in yesterday.

Miriam Grace Go's "The Lord of Makati: Can Binay Explain His Wealth?" published in Newsbreak, won first prize in the investigative reports category.

INQUIRER columnist Aida Sevilla Mendoza, writing for the Pinoy Times, won the first prize in the explanatory reports category for "Coco-rakot" on the coco levy controversy.

Go and Mendoza were both given cash prizes of P70,000 each. In addition to their cash prize, Go received the Marshall McLuhan Prize from the Canadian Embassy while Mendoza won a travel grant to selected Asean capitals from the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility and the Southeast Asia Press Alliance.

The Philippine Center of Investigative Journalism's Sheila Samonte Pesayco and the INQUIRER's Raul C. Dancel won second and third prizes, respectively, in the investigative reports category.

In the explanatory reports category, the second prize went to Marie Stella de la Cruz of Pinoy Times and the third prize to Business World reporters Daxim L. Lucas, Dymphyna Calica, Leilani Gallardo, Eric Boras and Cecille E. Yap.

ERC verdict means P10-B loss—Napocor

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE NATIONAL Power Corp. yesterday said it would comply with the Energy Regulatory Commission's order for the unbundling of rates, resulting in lowered charges, but warned that this would cause losses of P9.6 billion a year.

Napocor officer in charge/president Roland Quilala said the power firm was contemplating on filing a motion for the ERC to reconsider its order issued on Wednesday.

In another development, Meralco said Energy Secretary Vincent Perez had virtually upheld its position on the key contentious issues it had raised against the Napocor.

In a presentation before the Makati Business Club, Perez called for the reduction in the number of Napocor's independent power producers, maximizing power generation capacities and addressing transmission problems.

His statement, Meralco said, "puts him at odds with his own people at Napocor."

The giant power utility said Perez's pronouncements were practically a vindication of Meralco, whose officials have pointed out in recent days the Napocor's "transmission constraint" and excess generation from old power plants have made electricity rates high.

Sky-high rates

Meralco vice president and treasurer Rafael Andrada said Napocor keeps talking about cheaper plants and the promise of cheaper rates, but continues to charge Meralco "sky-high grid rate."

Napocor, in its petition before the ERC, had sought an overall increase of 17 centavos per kilowatt-hour in its unbundling petition as the petition was based on 2000 costs. But the ERC said its 51-page decision resulted in an overall rate decrease of 7 centavos per kWh for Napocor.

Quilala said this meant a projected loss of 24 centavos per kWh.

Data from Napocor's tariff division show that the order would translate into a yearly revenue loss of P9.6 billion representing the projected annual energy sales of 39 million kWh.

"As we have reiterated, Napocor's petition to unbundle or itemize the power rates will not allow us to enjoy additional profits," Quilala said.

He added that the firm's proposed unbundled rates only offset higher operating expenses due to increased investments, higher foreign exchange rates and additional power purchase contracts since Napocor's last basic rate adjustment in 1993.

Napocor's right

"More than anything else, rate unbundling will help us meet the objective of the power reform program to reflect the true cost of electricity and adopt a more transparent way of computing the rates," the Napocor chief said.

Napocor's new rates would be reflected on its customers' bills starting Sept. 26.

ERC chair Fe Barin said in a radio interview Napocor had the right to file a motion for reconsideration within 15 days.

"We have also ordered Napocor to submit another application updating the (original) to the figures used on its latest billing," Barin said.

She explained that an updated petition would show how the approved rates would translate to present costs.

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Ecleo gets own cell, refuses to see visitors

By Jolene Bolambot
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—For the first time since his incarceration, cult leader Ruben Ecleo Jr. refused to entertain visitors yesterday, even as hundreds of his followers braved the rains to catch a glimpse of their "supreme master."

Ecleo, held at the Bagong Buhay Rehabilitation Center here, said he was "exhausted" after his brush with death Wednesday, when a fellow inmate tried to stab him with an improvised knife for no apparent reason.

But the rejection did not dampen the spirits of the Philippine Benevolent Missionaries Association (PBMA) members who waited outside the BBRC, hoping their "supreme leader" would finally allow them to see him.

Supt. Lita Quilaton, jail warden, told the INQUIRER that Ecleo had asked her to allow only his immediate family and the board of directors of the PBMA to visit him. Ecleo, Quilaton said, explained that he needed time to rest.

Ecleo was transferred to the holding area, in front of Quilaton's office, following Wednesday's attack in which an apparently deranged inmate lunged at him with a knife fashioned from a sharpened toothbrush and wire.

Ecleo is now alone in his new 2.5 by 2-meter detention cell, which is so small it can only accommodate his bed. His electric fan stands outside for lack of space.

Ecleo is facing parricide and drug possession charges. He is accused of killing his wife, Alona Bacolod, in January. Her decomposing body was found in Dalaguete town, about 85 kilometers south of this city, on Jan. 8.

Shortly after he was committed to the BBRC on June 21, a search of his belongings turned up three packets containing about one gram of shabu each.

Ecleo claimed the drugs were planted. He has also denied killing Alona.

On Wednesday, murder convict Avelino Edaño tried to stab the cult leader with a knife, which was fashioned out of Ecleo's own toothbrush.

Edaño was shot dead by a jail guard after he ignored warning shots and continued to go after Ecleo. Another inmate, Anastacio Ortiz, was wounded in the left leg when JO1 Richard Arrufo and Edaño grappled for the knife.

Ecleo suffered bruises in the arm when he parried Edaño's thrusts.

Ortiz, who was taken to the Cebu City Medical Center, said Edaño's target was not Ecleo but the jail guards because the murder convict did not want to be moved out of Ecleo's cell.

"Edaño did not want to return to his old cell because he wanted to stay in Ecleo's cell where food was abundant," Ortiz said in Cebuano.

He said Edaño also appeared to be depressed after he was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder. ***With a report from Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau***

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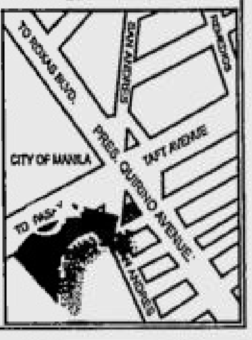
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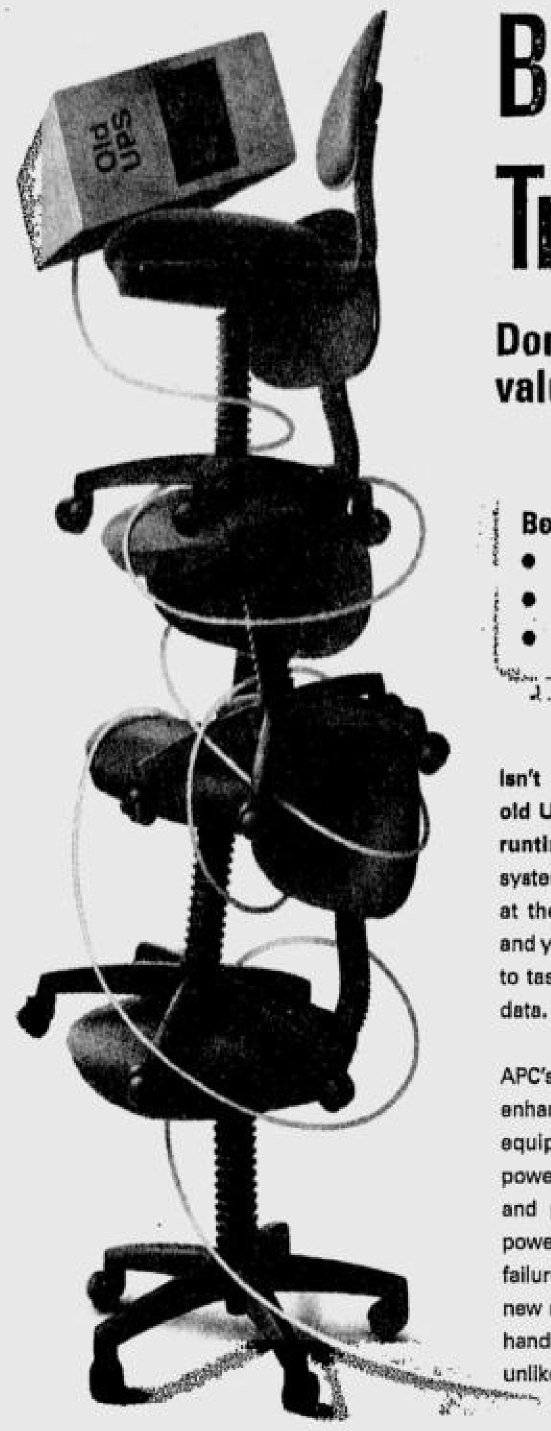

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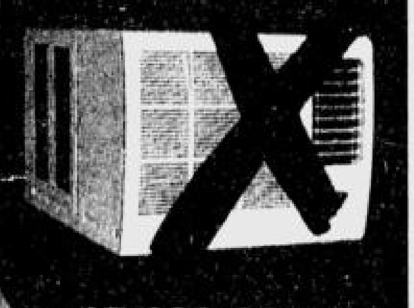

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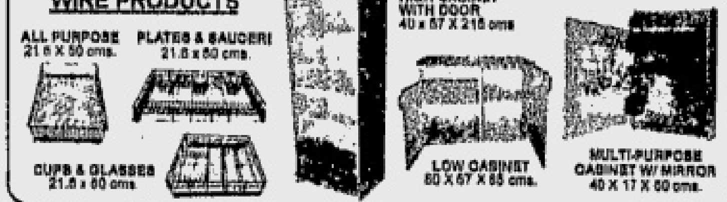

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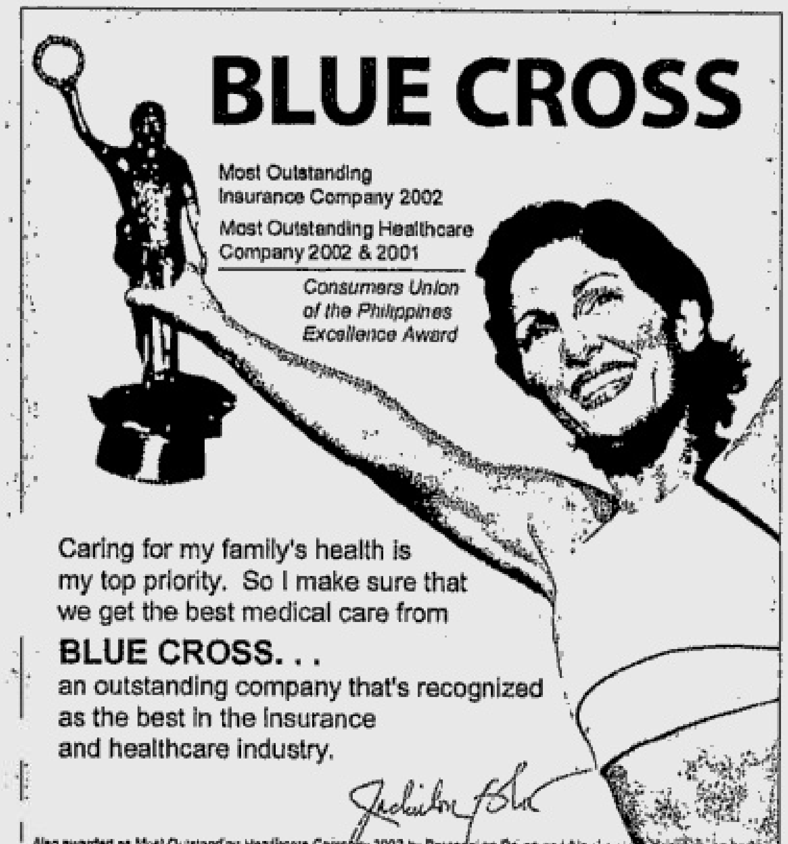

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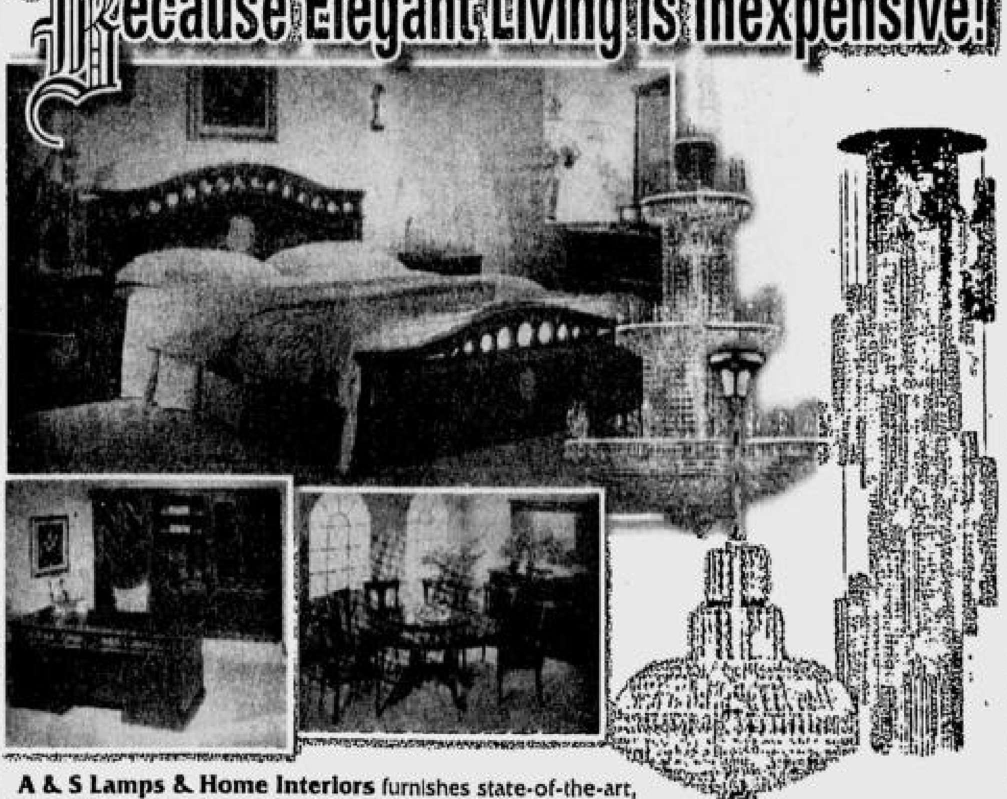

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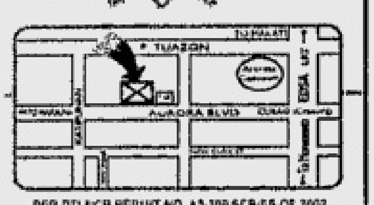

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With Senate astir, solons press bid for Cha-cha

APPARENTLY, some members of the House of Representatives are using the political crisis in the Senate to push their bid to amend the 1987 Constitution.

Speaker Jose de Venecia and leaders of the House majority coalition threw their support behind a resolution filed yesterday by minority Rep. Constantino Jaraula calling for a modified one-chamber parliamentary system.

Jaraula conceded that it might be necessary to cancel the presidential and vice presidential elections in 2004.

In a news conference at his Makati home, De Venecia said many congressmen now see Jaraula's Concurrent Resolution No. 12 as "the solution to the current crisis in the Senate and to the many structural problems facing the nation."

De Venecia, however, stopped short of authoring the measure. Instead, his Lakas-NUCD party mates Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzalez and Representatives Robert Ace Barbers, Eduardo Nachura, Antonio Cuenco and Ismael Mathay, as well as National People's Coalition Rep. Gerardo Espina, coauthored the bill.

Attached to the Jaraula resolution was a proposed revised Constitution, whose provisions for a unicameral legislature were adopted from the 1973 Constitution.

The two-page resolution was silent on when a constituent assembly would be convened, but during the news conference, Jaraula proposed it be called this year so that a plebiscite on the proposed changes could be held by next year.

"So that the country could have a breather. So that the country could have four solid years of focusing on the economy, because nearly all political activities gravitate around the presidency," Jaraula said in the press conference.

But, he said, "all other positions from senator on down would have elections under existing laws, (while) we are preparing for a parliamentary system beginning in 2007."

The resolution noted that the present presidential system has proven to be "inadequate" in addressing the needs of the people in a globalized economy.

MAYDAY REBELLION

DOJ finds strong case vs Lumbao

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE JUSTICE department yesterday cleared all legal obstacles for the prosecution of pro-Estrada leader Ronald Lumbao on charges of rebellion in connection with the bloody siege of Malacañang by Estrada supporters last year.

The justice department affirmed in a resolution an earlier decision recommending the filing of rebellion charges, or violation of Article 134 of the Revised Penal Code, against Lumbao.

State prosecutor Emmanuel Y. Velasco said that based on the evidence, even that presented by Lumbao himself, there was "probable cause" that the crime of rebellion had been committed by Lumbao.

The resolution was based on the findings of Assistant Chief State Prosecutor Leonardo Guiyab Jr. on June 25 and approved by Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño yesterday.

Velasco stressed that "what the law prohibits and punishes is not the freedom of the people to speak, to peaceably assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances."

He said that what was prohibited under the law was "the utilization of violent means in order to overthrow our duly constituted government or deprive the Chief Executive or the Legislature of any of their powers or prerogatives."

The justice department had ruled that the march to Malacañang by supporters of jailed ex-President Joseph Estrada was "rebellion, plain and simple."

"There was a public uprising and they took arms against the present government... The event was not merely a demonstration," said the department which noted that four people had been killed, and 51 policemen and 41 civilians injured in the attack.

The DOJ resolution paves the way for the continuation of Lumbao's trial at the Manila regional trial court.

The DOJ conducted a re-investigation of the case on orders of Judge Teresa P. Soriaso to allow Lumbao to contest the evidence that had been presented by the justice department.

Lumbao had failed to attend the DOJ hearings because he was in hiding at the time.

His arrest on April 25 allowed the DOJ to conduct another preliminary investigation of the rebellion charges.

Lumbao appeared without his lawyers at the last hearing on June 20.

Angered by the sudden disappearance of Lumbao lawyers, Velasco was forced to end proceedings despite the protestations of Lumbao who accused the DOJ of railroading his case.

Gov't regains 'Payanig' land

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE GOVERNMENT is set to regain control of a prime sequestered land after the Pasig City court ordered the eviction of the bars, restaurants and other establishments on the Payanig sa Pasig lot on Ortigas Avenue.

The Presidential Commission on Good Government announced yesterday that it would recover around 8,500 sq. m. of land that was leased to Patricia Bañez Enterprises in 1995.

The Pasig Court ruled on May 28 that Bañez and the sub-lessees were illegal tenants and that there was "no basis for her continued stay on the premises."

Deputy Sheriff Benjamin Cabusao was ordered by the court on June 14 to serve the eviction order against Bañez and all the sub-lessees claiming rights under her, and to make her pay back rental amounting to P550,000 a month from the time she defaulted on her payments.

The PCGG had leased the 18.4-hectare lot to Mid-Pasig Land Development Corp., which later sub-leased 6,000 sq. m. of the Payanig sa Pasig land to Bañez for four months starting Jan. 31, 1995. The PCGG claimed Bañez encroached on 2,500 sq. m. more of land.

Bañez also sub-leased her share to Gold Mark, which in turn, sub-leased again portions of the 8,500 sq. m. to various establishments, including a car repair shop, restaurant, billiard house and a bar.

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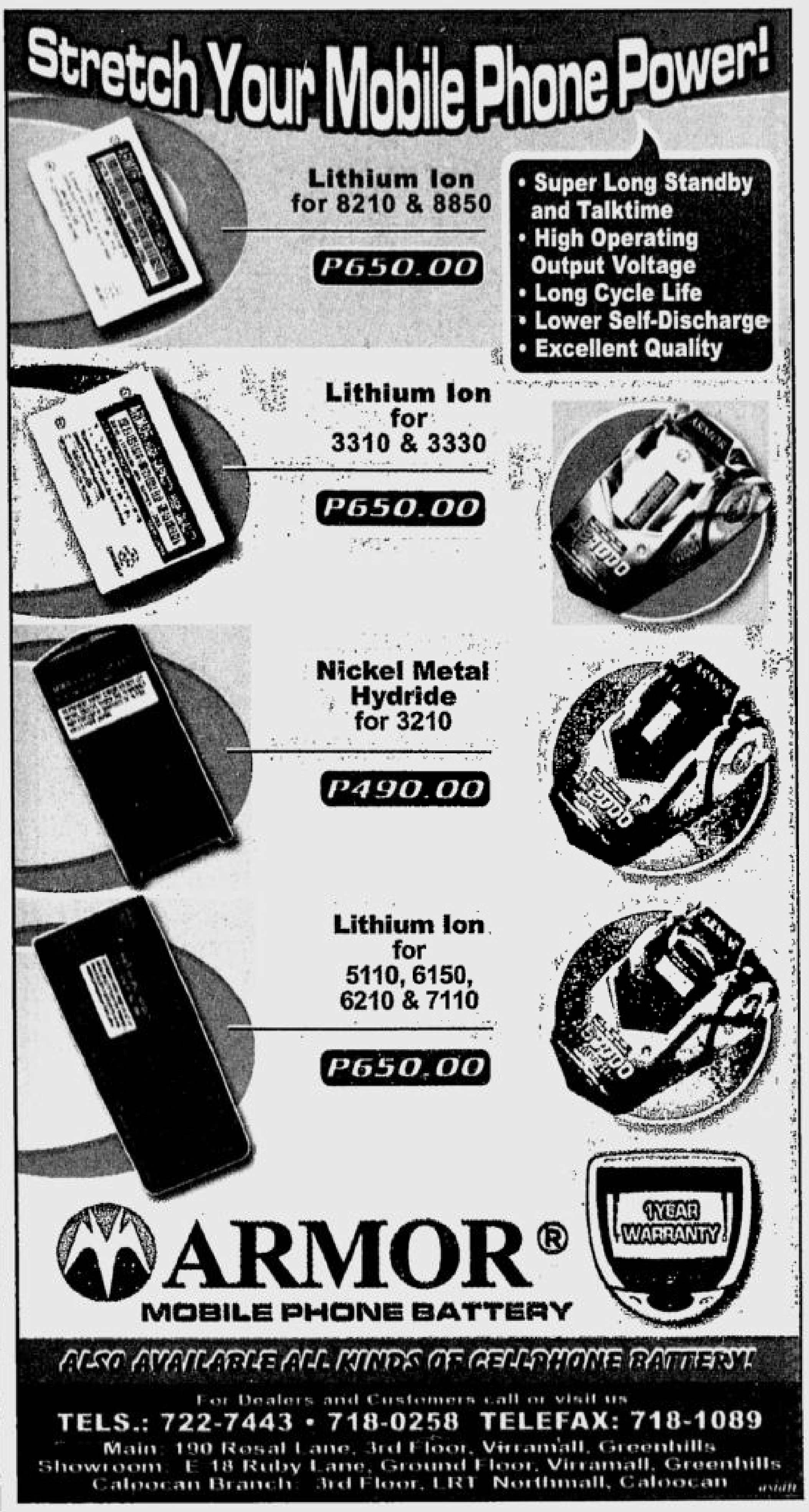
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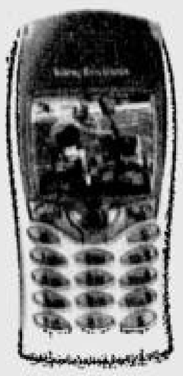

US troops to stay longer in RP, says Rumsfeld

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troops to stay beyond July 31.

Asked about the patrolling, Rumsfeld said, "I mean, in training and exercising, you end up being around. And if that's a patrol, it's a patrol. And if it's not, it's not."

About 660 US troops have been deployed in Basilan and other parts of Western Mindanao since early February to train and assist Filipino soldiers hunting down the Abu Sayyaf, a Moro bandit group with loose links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

Abu Sabaya, a spokesperson for the Abu Sayyaf, was reported killed in a gun battle with Filipino commandos off the coast of Sibuco, Zamboanga del Norte. His body, however, remains missing.

Sabaya's group held hostage for more than a year American missionary couple Martin and Gracia Burnham and Filipino nurse Edibora Yap. In a military operation earlier this month, Gracia Burnham was rescued but her husband Martin and Yap were killed.

Indonesians

Shortly before the Sibuco encounter, four Indonesian seamen were kidnapped off the coast of Basilan.

Suspicion fell on the Abu Sayyaf after one of the Indonesians escaped. It was later established that a band of pirates was responsible.

In Zamboanga City, the chief of the military's Southern Command said the pirates were demanding a ransom of P100,000 for the three remaining Indonesians kidnapped from a tugboat last week.

Maj. Gen. Ernesto Carolina said the kidnappers had told local negotiators that the P100,000 they were demanding represented what they spent detaining the Indonesian sailors in the mountainous hinterlands of Jolo island.

"They apparently just want their expenses reimbursed," Carolina said.

"Even so, the kidnappers are now talking. I think that is a good sign," he added.

He said that Luuk Mayor Munir Arbison and his son Rep. Abdurahman Arbison had been spearheading the negotiations.

Despite the negotiations, efforts by the military to rescue the captives were continuing, he said.

"Our Marines soldiers are there in case the negotiations collapse. Their option would be to launch a military operation," Carolina said.

The Indonesians were taken at gunpoint on June 17 by 11 men in military fatigues riding in three speedboats off Basilan.

The gunmen stopped the tugboat, fired warning shots and abducted the captain and three other officers, leaving six junior crewmembers behind, Navy officials said.

One of the kidnapped Indonesians escaped after the abduction.

The Indonesians, on a two-week journey to transport coal to the central Philippines, apparently took a shortcut and traveled closer to Basilan to save on diesel fuel, which they planned to sell, Carolina said.

That route "made them targets of opportunity" for the pirates, he said.

Pirates, smugglers, Moro bandits, drug dealer and gun traffickers have roamed the vast seas in Western Mindanao near the border with Malaysia and Indonesia for centuries. ***Reports from AP and Julie A. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld calls on a reporter during a press conference at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. He said the US special forces in the Philippines are likely to continue training small units of the Armed Forces of the Philippines even after the bulk of the US forces are withdrawn at the end of the six-month training exercise. AFP

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Lanao del Sur

Brief History of Lanao del Sur

The province of Lanao del Sur has a long colorful history. In the pre-colonial era, Sultanate were the units of political administration. The Maranao Sultanate or Pat a Pengampong sa Ranao is composed of four principalia, namely: Masui, [illegible], Baloi and Bayabao. Though the Maranao Sultanate has unique features, it was comparable to the Sulu and Maguindanao Sultanates. The political power and domain of the Maranao Sultanate war recognized as an equal by the Maguindanao Sultanate.

The Maranaos fought against colonization in clashes known as the "Moro Wars". Bravely, they also withstood the canons and rifles of the Americans in the Battles of Bayang, Ganassi and Tugaya. Likewise, the Japanese failed to subdue the Maranao. This resistance to invaders earned for the Maranao its distinct political identity and affirmed its love for freedom.

The creation of the Province of Lanao dates back to the Philippine government's campaign for resettlement in Mindanao, Lanao became a province during the American era, by virtue of the Philippine Commission Act No. 787. Eventually, it broke up into two distinct and separate provinces of Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte on May 27, 1959 by virtue of Republic Act No. 2228. The bill was sponsored by Hon. Achmad Domocao Alonto, Sr. The respected senator is credited as the "Father of Lanao del Sur". The province was officially created on July 4, 1959 with twenty-five municipalities, including Dansalan (now Marawi City) as the capital town.

Lanao del Sur has undergone several administration and political changes. As a result of the negotiated settlement with the MNLF (Tripoli Agreement) during the Martial Law years, President Marcos issued P.D. No. 742 which included Lanao del Sur in the Autonomous Region XII. This region was expanded to include other provinces and named the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). The constituents of Lanao del Sur affirmed the province inclusion in ARMM during the Plebiscite on Feb. 19, 1989. Although the Islamic City of Marawi, Capital City of Lanao del Sur refused to join the ARMM in said political exercise, it reconsidered its position recently.

The province was headed by eighteen (18) government officials who served as Chief Executive (Governor) either appointed or elected from 1945 to date, as follows:

1. Atty. Madki Alonto (1957 – 1967)
2. Atty. Linang Mandangan (1968-1971)
3. Princess Tarhata Alonto Lucman (1972-1975)
4. Gen. Mamarinta B. Lao PA (1975-1976)
5. Mohammad Ali Dimaporo (1976-1986)
6. Princess Tarhata Alonto Lucman (OIC) (1986-1987)
7. Atty. Saidamen Pangarungan (OIC) (1987-1988)
8. Arsad Tomawis (OIC) (1988)
9. Atty. Saidamen Pangarungan (1988-1992)
10. Atty. Omar B. Umpar (OIC) (1992)
11. Dr. Mahid M. Mutilan (1992-2001)
12. Engr. Mamintal M. Adiong Sr. (2001

Currently, Lanao del Sur composed of 38 municipalities including Sharief Alawi (municipality status pending plebiscite) and 1059 barangays. There are two congressional districts with component municipalities as follows:

First District City: Islamic City of Marawi
Municipalities:
1. Buadiposo
2. Bubong
3. Bumbaran
4. Ditsaan-Ramain
5. Kapai
6. Lumba-Bayabao
7. Maguing
8. Marantao
9. Masiu
10. Mulondo
11. Piagapo
12. Poona-Bayabao
13. Saguiaran
14. Tagoloan
15. Tamparan
16. Taraka
17. Wao
18. Sharief Alawi (subject for plebiscite)

Second District
1. Bacolod Kalawi
2. Balabagan
3. Balindong
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21. Tugaya

TOPOGRAPHY AND HYDROLOGICAL FEATURES

Lanao del Sur is deeply enclosed within the Bukidnon-Lanao highland areas with a series of plateaus, plains, highlands and basins, undulating hills and volcanoes and mountain ranges which serve as its natural boundaries [illegible] Cotabato along its south [illegible] be fo [illegible] Bukidnon boundary. Among the highest mountains are mount Ragang, Piagayongan and Magatoring which [illegible] 6,000 to 9,000 feet above sea level. Located [illegible] province, Lake Lanao drains into Agus River [illegible] northward into Illana Bay. A nature's gift, Lake Lanao [illegible] multiple attributes: its panoramic beauty is tourist attraction, its waters are sources of power and food. While it provides the people with fresh water resources, Lake Lanao also [illegible] Mindanao of an ample supply of hydroelectric power.

Climate

The thick and lush forests surrounding the province provides a natural shield against typhoon and floods. Lying hundreds of meters above sea level, the province has moderate climate which adds to its tourism potential.

People

As of May 1, 2002, the population of the province was recorded at 800,162 (25.6 percent of the total population of ARMM) with an annual growth of 3.42 percent. The population is predominantly Muslim comprising about 92.4 percent. Thus, the influence of Islam is strongly felt in the area. Literacy rate is 82.5 percent the highest among ARMM provinces.

The Maranaos are noted for their craftsmanship and artistry. This is evident in their colorful woven mats and hand-woven textiles, intricate brassware, wood carvings (also known as 'baor') and bamboo-lacub industry. These products which are the manifestation of the ethnic heritage of the Muslim of the south, have found lucrative markets here and abroad.

PHYSICAL FEATURES/CHARACTERISTICS OF
Accessibility

Along the Northwestern portion, the province of Lanao del Sur is accessible through the 36-kilometer Iligan City – Marawi City National Highway. The provinces is also about 137 kilometers from Cagayan de Oro City through a concrete raod travelled by many public transport. On the other hand, the Marawi City-Malabang-Cotabato City route, passing through the Narciso Ramos Highway, connects the province to Maguindanao and other southern Mindanao provinces.

Geographic location

The province of Lanao del Sur is located at latitude 7Y 24 34 and nestled in the hinterland of Mindanao at an elevation of 702 meters above sea level. It occupies the extensive plateau of North Central Mindanao and surrounds the basin of Lake Lanao. It is bounded on the east by Bukidnon, on the south by Maguindanao and North Cotabato, on the west by Illana Bay and on the northwest by the province of Lanao del Norte.

Land area and soil type

The province has a total area of 12,051.85 square kilometers with 340.0 square kilometers water area composed of lakes and swamps. The municipality of Lumba-Bayabao occupies the biggest land area of 815.50 sq. km. While the municipality of [illegible] has the smallest land area of 10.4 sq. m. Soil type of [illegible] upland soils. The loam type

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MODUS VIVENDI

Drilon vows 'working Senate'

By Cynthia D. Balana

IMUS, Cavite—Senate President Franklin Drilon yesterday promised that there would be a "working Senate" by the time Congress reopens on July 22 even as opposition Sen. Edgardo Angara expressed confidence that the opposition would succeed in striking a modus vivendi with the Drilon-led majority.

Drilon, with three other senators, visited Sen. Ramon Revilla at the latter's residence here yesterday to check on his condition.

Revilla returned last week from the United States where he went for a spine operation three months ago.

It was Revilla's absence that triggered the crisis in the Senate when the opposition declared itself the "new majority" after Sen. John Osmeña bolted the administration bloc.

As of yesterday, there were 12 senators from the administration coalition and 12 from the opposition.

Drilon said a "clear formula" was being worked out to end the impasse in the Senate whose reputation has been severely damaged by the split.

Drilon told reporters here that the administration bloc was discussing a number of options.

By a "working Senate," said a chamber that would continue to function as an effective and independent Senate.

The Senate President also disputed opposition senators' claims that their position as the "new majority" was unassailable under the Senate rules.

"They are the ones who will seek to reorganize and they cannot win the reorganization because they only have 12. We are the ones in the saddle," Drilon said.

His voice still hoarse from his operation, Revilla disputed reports that he had been ordered to return by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

He said he was getting bored in the US and wanted to sit out the long wait for the next "minor operation" at home.

Revilla is scheduled to return to the US in August for another surgical procedure to restore his voice.

The three other senators who came with Drilon were Senators Loren Legarda, Renato Cayetano and Noli de Castro.

Drilon said Sen. Joker Arroyo had already visited Revilla while Sen. Ralph Recto was sick. The rest of the administration bloc's members were either abroad or out of town.

Revilla denied that his son, Bong Revilla Jr., had been offered a slot in the administration's 2004 senatorial slate in exchange for his sticking with the administration bloc.

The younger Revilla was recently appointed chief of the Video Regulatory Board. He said the offer of a place in the 2004 senatorial slate had not been made yet.

He also said in jest that what he wanted was the public works and highways portfolio.

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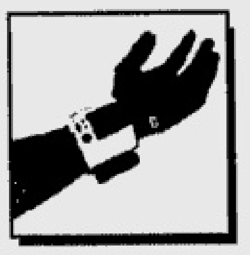

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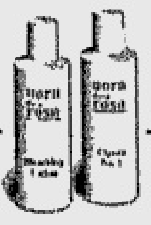

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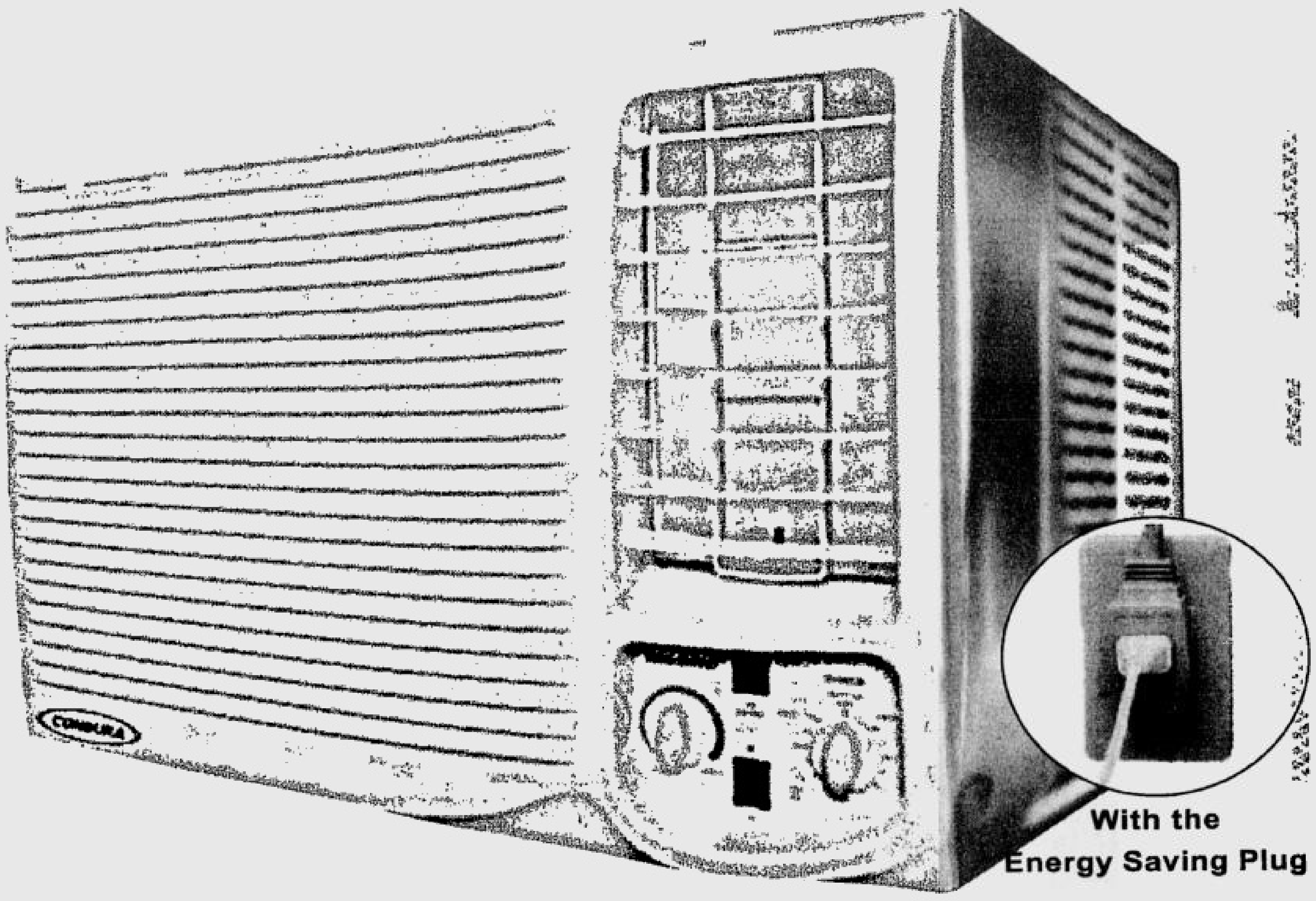

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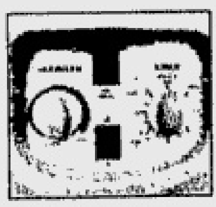

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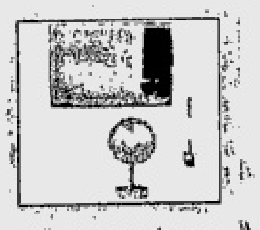

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Sacked for what?

EDITORIAL

THE ORDER of the National Police Commission relieving seven top police officials, including four regional directors, of their posts has caught many people by surprise, not least the affected officials themselves. Each of them is now questioning the basis for the decision and protesting that he was not given due process.

But the reason given by the Napolcom for their relief seems clear enough: they have failed to carry out their orders to conduct "an all-out campaign" to stamp out *jueteng* and other forms of illegal gambling in their jurisdiction. Despite repeated reminders, warnings and written notices, the Napolcom said, illegal gambling continued to proliferate. Interior Secretary Jose Lina, the Napolcom chair, said the seven officials were booted out under a three-strike rule whereby three successful raids on gambling lairs done by police units, which are not under one's command, are deemed as sufficient proof that a police official had failed in this task.

The dismissed officials, however, insist that they have done their part to stop illegal gambling and have the figures to prove it. They will get their chance to argue their case when the Napolcom summons them. In the meantime, they should really stop crying about being denied due process. They are not facing criminal charges—or not yet anyway. As the Napolcom said the decision to replace them was done "in the exercise of its administration and control" over the Philippine National Police.

Still there must be more than meets the eye in this major PNP shuffle. And the first question that comes to mind is why Chief Supt. Reynaldo Berroya was included among the seven. He is believed to have helped rally PNP support behind Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo during Edsa II and he is reputed to be quite close to First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo. Has he fallen out of Malacañang's favor? For all her impatience, President Macapagal is not known to turn her back on friends for something as trivial as poor performance, otherwise she would have given PNP Director General Leandro Mendoza his walking papers a long time ago. So what grievous sin did Berroya commit? Or is he there as a red herring to convince everyone no politics is involved in the shake-up? It would be interesting to watch where Berroya is going from here.

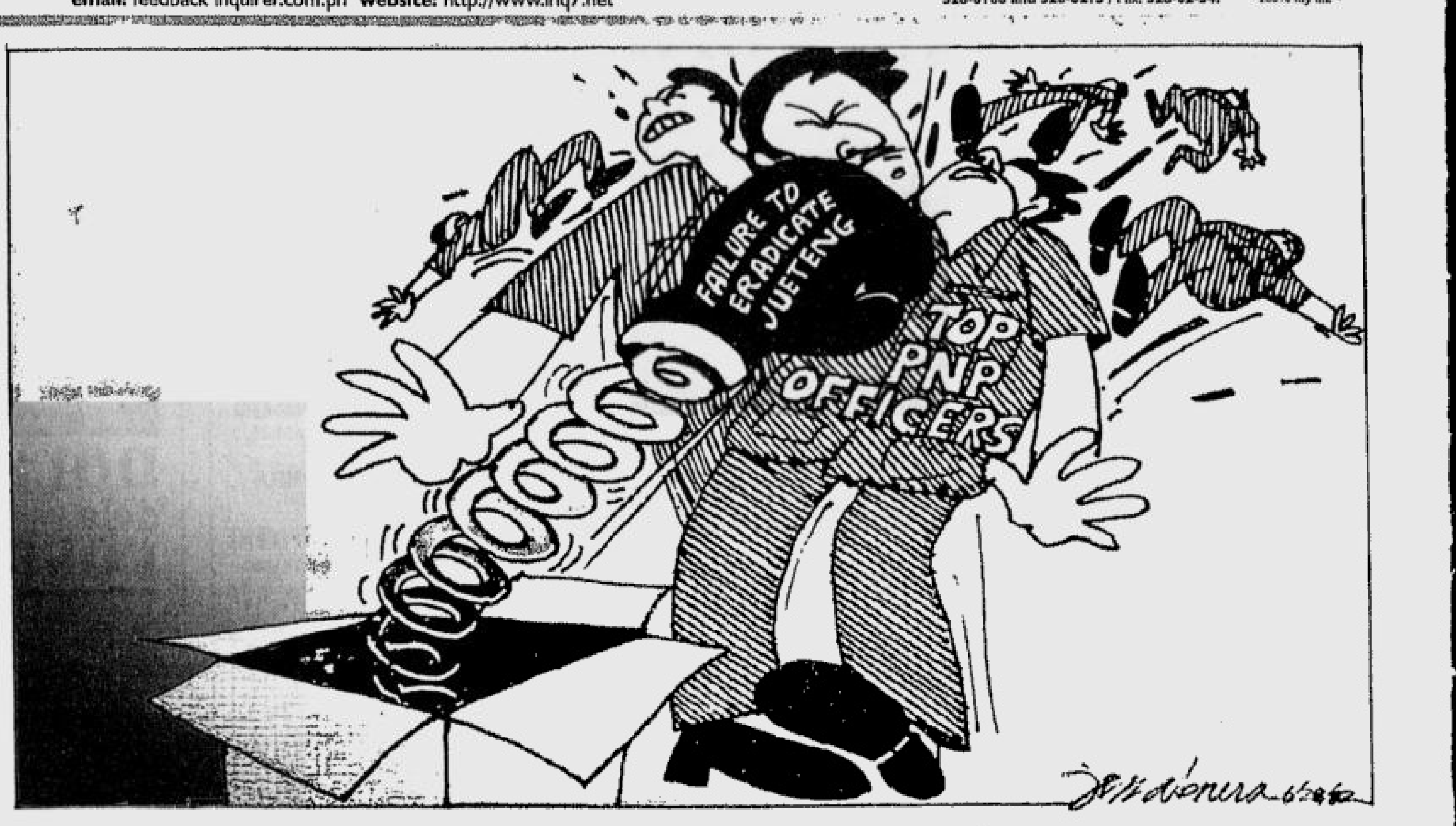
If the rules and standards of performance are really being applied evenly here, then Malacañang and the Napolcom deserve a pat in the back. The problem is that the sanctions are being announced at a time when they cannot even be enforced. There is a ban on the reassignment of government personnel because of the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections next month and any movement of personnel needs the approval of the Commission on Elections. So how serious are Malacañang and the Napolcom in cracking the whip on laggards in the PNP?

Or are these officials guilty of something more serious than just being caught napping on the job? Illegal gambling is known to impoverish bettors and enrich its operators and protectors. In 1995, *jueteng* operators were said to have raked in a total of P22 billion, with a substantial part of that sum lining the pockets of police officials. But this time Lina says they are not prepared to say the ousted officials were on the take.

If these officials were found to have accepted bribes from gambling, they should not be allowed to remain in their posts one day longer. But if they were not, what message is their reassignment supposed to convey?

It is inaccurate to say illegal gambling is a victimless crime. It does claim victims, especially among the poor. But given the many problems hounding our law enforcement agencies, stamping out illegal gambling shouldn't be up there among the highest priorities. Certainly it can't take precedence over life-and-death cases like kidnappings, hold-ups and dangerous drugs. And yet police officials are now being judged solely on the basis of their performance in the campaign against illegal gambling. Is the Napolcom saying that it would rather have police officials who can stop illegal gambling than those who can eliminate kidnapping syndicates or drug traffickers?

Explaining the sacking of those who struck out in the anti-gambling campaign, Lina said: "If you cannot be good in small things, you cannot be good in big things." Spoken like someone with a small mind. It is those "big things" that are killing people and destroying our children's future. They deserve the PNP's full and immediate attention.



Lina has more guts against PNP than squatters

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

WHY is it that after paying a military asset P5 million in reward money, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo immediately called off the search for the body of Abu Sabaya? Maybe because she knows there is nothing to find? Or that when a body is found, it won't be that of Sabaya?

It is more important now that a *corpus delicti* be found because P5 million of taxpayers' money has been paid for information that has not been proven to be correct or achieved the intended result. An insurance company will never pay the proceeds of a life insurance policy without proof of death. In case the insured is missing, the insurer will wait seven years before assuming he is dead. In prematurely paying the reward for a person whose death has not been proven conclusively (in fact, there are reports that Sabaya is alive and was seen elsewhere), is not the President committing technical malversation?

She cited a film taken by an American spy satellite or spy plane showing thermal images (produced by body heat and infrared sensors) of the sea chase and ensuing gun battle between the Abu Sayyaf bandits and pursuing soldiers. But even if there indeed was a gun battle and bandits killed, that does not prove that one of them was Sabaya. The spy film only showed hazy images moving across the screen (you must have seen a similar one in the movie of the Tom Clancy novel "Patriot Games"); it cannot show the face of anybody. So how can anybody be so sure that one of them was Sabaya? It could be anybody.

Of course the two military assets on board the pumpboat declared that Sabaya was on board, was hit and fell into the sea. Of course they will say that. It means P5 million in reward money.

The other captured bandits also said it was Sabaya. Of course. If the military believes Sabaya is dead, it will stop chasing him, right? Besides, who knows, they may even be given *balato* from the P5 million reward.

The soldier who allegedly hit Sabaya in the back was positive it was the bandit leader he shot. How could he be so sure? It was 4:30 a.m., pitch black. Government spokespersons say the soldiers were using night-vision goggles. But even with them, one cannot identify a face, even close-up. The figures are hazy, like seeing them in dim moonlight. And the two boats were at least 15 meters apart. Besides, the person alleged to be Sabaya was shot in the back. His back was turned. So how could the soldier have seen his face to recognize him?

The Southcom has presented personal belongings of Sabaya, including his signature sunglasses, to prove that it was him shot in that gun battle. There is a bit of cheating here. Those belongings give the impression that they were found at the scene of the battle. They were not. They were found in various places at different times. They were gathered together and suddenly presented as evidence to prove that Sabaya is dead.

These pieces of evidence will not stand up in court.

But there are five million reasons riding on the head of Sabaya. It would be profitable for many persons, including military men that the claims of his demise be believed. The reward money has been paid. It would have been all right if that money came from the pockets of the President or the generals. They can do what they want with their money. But it so happens that is the people's money. It should not be spent on the mere say-so- of bandits and soldiers who have plenty to gain by saying that they've finally killed Sabaya.

Without a *corpus delicti*, rumors that he is still alive and legends about his invincibility will spread, especially in the Muslim areas that admire him. Even if he is really dead, his ghost will continue to haunt the government. He may even surface in the flesh and be photographed some place. Sunglasses, a slight mustache, a black turban and a black shirt can make anybody look like Sabaya.

To stop his ghost from haunting us, Sabaya's corpse has to be found.

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I take my hat off to Interior Secretary Joey Lina and the Napolcom for having the guts to fire seven top officers of the Philippine National Police. It's about time. The people can see very clearly that gambling—not only *jueteng* but also illegal bookies, *sakla*, *monte*, illegal cockfights and dogfights—are going on openly everywhere. The gambling lords have come back with a vengeance. They're thumbing their noses at the government. They could not have done this without the protection of key police officers and national and local government officials. Gambling lords earn billions of pesos and they're generous in sharing these with their protectors.

But merely reassigning them won't solve the problem nor drive home the lesson to other PNP officers. As Sen. Rodolfo Biazon said, "*jueteng* operations will just transfer to their new places of assignment." In fact, some PNP officers who have been replaced before simply laughed all the way to the bank. (Who is that former PNP officer who built himself a luxurious mansion in Nueva Ecija?)

Say what you will against Sen. Panfilo Lacson, but when he was PNP chief, he was able to minimize *jueteng* and discipline policemen. All hell broke loose after he was replaced.

Anyway, going back to Lina, he deserves the support of the President and the public. Let's hope he doesn't lose his guts.

Now if he can only do what he did to the PNP officers to local government officials who not only protect gambling lords but also coddle squatters and do not enforce all the provisions of his pet legislation, the Lina Law.

In good taste

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

TWO people passed away this week. One was a friend of mine, another a passing acquaintance. Both are a huge loss to an already much impoverished nation.

They are Doreen Fernandez and Larry Alcala. Unfortunately, column space, like life, is short. I'll have to put off my tribute to Alcala for next week.

I met Doreen Fernandez during my student days at the Ateneo. She was a classmate in a couple of graduate courses I took while I was an undergraduate. I did that in college, giving much thought to learning and very little to graduating, and succeeded in both-learning and not graduating. But that's another story.

It was poetry class, but what struck me most about Doreen was not how much she knew about poetry but how much she knew about life in these parts. She knew places, she knew customs and she knew food. The last she knew like the palm of her hand. She knew the preparation of food, she knew the rituals of food, she knew the infinite taste of food. Little would I realize, thinking as I did then that poetry was rhyme and meter and cadence, that what Doreen knew much about was poetry.

I met her only intermittently after that. Over the last few years, I spoke a couple of times in her class at the Ateneo and saw her in gatherings and meetings and exchanged pleasantries. But she had such a graciousness about her that made you feel like you could presume to be her friend. The last time I called her up at home to ask about something and apologized profusely for intruding, she was just as profuse in her assurances that I was perfectly welcome. Her tone of voice suggested utter sincerity.

Quite apart from that, I do feel like I've known her for a long time because I've read her for a long time. I've been one of her legions of loyal readers, delighting in the way she wrote about poetry masquerading as food. I was about to say earlier that Doreen wasn't just a foodie, she was also a literary critic, teacher and head of several departments at the Ateneo. But in her hands, or mouth, at least, the one was not less than the other. The one was not gravy to the other's meat and potatoes, to use metaphors she herself might have approved of.

In fact, the one was not unlike the other. There was no difference being a food critic and a literary one. Other people had tried to discover the Filipino by investigating what he said and did, Doreen had tried to discover the Filipino by investigating what he ate and drank. Whether she was writing about the origins of the adobo or the haikus that had been written in praise of Spam, she wrote with wit and understanding. Unlike many other food writers, Doreen didn't just write about the taste of food, she wrote about the sensibility of food. She didn't just write about the ingredients of food, she wrote about the civilization of food. She wasn't just writing about food for the body and soul, she was writing about the body and soul of food.

Or put another way, she did not just write about the taste of food, she wrote about the taste of life. She herself says in "Tikim": "Writing about food is not a matter of dipping into the thesaurus to discover the many ways to say 'tasty.' Instead, it means digging deep into the human experience...When one describes food, one does not use words alone, but the readers' remembering as well." And elsewhere in that book: "The writing done about food must be worthy of its subject...It must be done with words that resound, and with the silence vibrating between and behind those words. Words that bear the culture within them need no adornment, they speak from the intimacy of the experience."

The title of Doreen's column said everything there was to say about it: "In good taste." That wasn't just the spirit in which she wrote, it was the spirit in which she lived. She made the ultimate fusion, combining seemingly incongruous elements to cook up one very tasty stew. She was a class act because she was unmindful of class. She did not confine her inquires into the heart, or stomach, of the Pinoy to the preparations made by chefs in five-star hotels, she roved the streets looking for the Filipino soul in tuba and *turo-turo* food. It was from her I learned of the existence of small and obscure but tasteful and tasty dives in this wild and scrambling city.

She was out of this world because she was right smack in this world. Or she was spiritual because she loved the things of this world. That was something, quite incidentally, we learned from the formidable poet and art critic, Eric Torres, who taught the poetry class. The sensual is not opposed to the spiritual, Torres used to say, while grooving on Bach. It is the commercial—the desire merely to possess or acquire—that is opposed to the spiritual. But seeing and hearing and smelling and tasting and touching the world, reveling in the curves and textures and scents of this world, it was to glimpse the divine. Doreen did just that, at the gut level: She reveled in the subtlety and magnificence of food. And we have been ennobled by it.

And she was cheerful because she took life seriously. Despite the physical ailments life threw her way, she never allowed herself to be defeated by them. Life was too serious to be taken seriously, and too light to be taken lightly. She tasted life like the grand feast that it was, never one to spurn but never one to indulge either. The last she herself had a word for, *horror vacui*, the fear of emptiness, which was a Filipino affliction in particular that showed itself in the cramming of the fiesta table and jeepney art. But that too is another story, or repast. Wherever Doreen is now, I am certain she can only make things better there.

Who knows? Heaven may even show better taste from now on.

A question of priorities

ANALYSIS

Amando Doronila

THE RELIEF of seven senior commanders of the Philippine National Police over their alleged failure to curb "*jueteng*" and other illegal forms of gambling is the biggest shake-up of the PNP in the Macapagal administration.

It swept out at least two of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's allies in the movement to unseat former President Joseph Estrada—Deputy Director General Edgar Aglipay, Metro Manila police director, and Chief Supt. Reynaldo Berroya, Central Luzon police director.

The revamp shook PNP commands in Metro Manila (NCR); the Manila Western Police District, Central Luzon (Region 2; Cebu (Region 7); and Southern Tagalog (Region 4). The National Police Commission (Napolcom), chaired by Interior and Secretary Jose Lina, justified the relief on the grounds that these officers did not heed a Napolcom circular which directed all PNP officers to "undertake an all-out campaign to stop and eradicate *jueteng* and other illegal gambling activities."

If we are to believe Lina, the relief "is a clear manifestation of the desire of the President to go for good governance," and was an impersonal and objective decision.

The revamp was made on the basis of a test consisting of three raids conducted by PNP teams from units other than those in regional commands being raided. The raids in the regions, Lina said, were based on reports of the rampant illegal gambling. The raids on *jueteng* establishments showed, according to Lina, that little had been done by the commanders to curb, if not eradicate, illegal gambling in their respective provinces and regions. "The three-strike" test, however, raises the question why only a few commands were singled out for test raids, when in fact, *jueteng* and other forms of illegal gambling are rampant all over the country.

The fact that raids were selective undermines Lina's credibility when he claims that the principle of governance was the motor behind the relief of the commanders. Although Lina said that further revamps were forthcoming, the action raises questions about priorities of the administration in attacking the crime problem.

The relief of the commanders based on their performance in the war on *jueteng* sends the signal that among the three major crime problems, the administration has given priority to *jueteng* over drug trafficking and kidnappings.

The administration has come under growing criticism over the rising incidence of kidnappings. The PNP has claimed the incidence of kidnappings for ransom has declined—a claim contradicted by the mounting reports of abduction. The effect of the accent on *jueteng* is to draw attention away from drug trafficking and kidnapping, both of which are no less pernicious in terms of corruption and their social effects than illegal gambling.

The relief of the seven commanders moved forward the revamp of the PNP ahead of the takeover of the police leadership by Gen. Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. Lina preempted the cleanup from Ebdane. People with intimate experience with *jueteng*, among them former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson, said the removal of police officers and their replacement with another set of officers could not eradicate illegal gambling. They say that *jueteng* involves a whole network of officials including the police and local officials linked to *jueteng* operators, and the removal of police officers does not break the chain. The government estimates that proceeds from *jueteng* amount to about P20 billion a year. Eighty percent of the proceeds is estimated to go to the pockets of the operators.

Jueteng as a source of bribery, corruption and political financing is a given in Philippine politics, and so is the fact that it is probably the oldest form of illegal gambling in the country.

Corruption stemming from *jueteng* came under the spotlight when Singson in October 1999 implicated Estrada in the division of spoils over *jueteng* proceeds. The *jueteng* exposé triggered the fall of the Estrada presidency. Singson told us that the relief of the police commanders had revived the need to legalize *jueteng* to effect closer supervision of the game and to channel part of the proceeds to the national treasury.

In the heat of the *jueteng* scandal, Estrada sought to legalize gambling but what was wrong with his approach was that he he handed over to his Chinese crony, Atong Ang, the control of *jueteng* instead of to the government.

The relief, therefore, of the police commanders is nothing but a cosmetic reshuffle that merely delivers glancing blows to *jueteng* syndicates tied to police as well as local politicians.

Lina's test of whether police commanders fall short of the Napolcom's measure of performance in curbing illegal gambling is at best haphazard, discriminatory and idiosyncratic. According to my sources in the PNP, the raids conducted by DILG teams did not reduce *jueteng* activities. As soon as the raiders left, *jueteng* operations resumed. Even if Aglipay, Berroya, Director Avelino Razon, Chief Supt. Nicolas Pasinos, et al. were removed, and replaced, *jueteng* merely goes underground. The relief of the commanders merely give an illusion of a superficial crackdown, hitting the officers and making them scapegoats, without touching the gambling operators. The Macapagal administration has not learned the lesson of the bogus crackdown of its predecessor.

What the fundamentalists really want

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

"SCIENCE vs Fundamentalism" is how Likhaan, an organization that advocates the reproductive rights of women, men and youth, describes the current struggle and debate over emergency contraception.

Replying to a letter-writer who asserted that pregnancy starts with fertilization, and that any tampering with the fertilized egg constitutes abortion, the women of Likhaan declared that "fortunately for everyone, medical facts such as when pregnancy starts, are based on evidence, not beliefs."

The Likhaan statement notes that "the Committee for Ethical Aspects of Human Reproduction and Women's Health of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (Figo) defines pregnancy as '...that part of the process [of reproduction] that commences with the implantation of the conceptus in a woman' (see www.figo.org). A footnote in this statement adds that 'verification of this is usually only possible at the present time at three weeks or more after implantation.'

"Reflecting this definition, the World Health Organization and reputable medical professional groups like the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (Acog) and American Medical Women's Association (Amwa) recommend emergency contraception in (cases of) forced or unprotected sex, or when there is a failure of contraceptive methods, e.g., when a condom breaks. Like other family planning methods, emergency contraception prevents a pregnancy before it starts, i.e. by preventing ovulation, preventing fertilization or preventing implantation. The only difference from regular family planning methods is its use after sex—the sooner after the sex, the better. This preventive action is life-saving in situations where the risk of dying from either pregnancy and childbirth or unsafe abortion is high, such as in the Philippines (lifetime risk of dying from maternal causes, including unsafe abortion is 1/100). This is the reason why the WHO has classified levonorgestrel (generic name of Postinor) as a 'core drug' in its Essential Drugs List (EDL), the list of the most important life-saving, health-protecting medicines."

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LIKHAAN also points out that "Postinor is one of the safest and most effective emergency contraceptive methods available. It is also convenient to use, requiring a total of only two tablets, and causes less side effects" (than increased dosages of oral contraceptives containing levonorgestrel, presumably). They add that because Postinor is designed only to prevent pregnancy, "no intake of Postinor will cause an already established pregnancy to abort."

That fundamentalists "persist in their beliefs despite evidence to the contrary is understandable," say the women of Likhaan. "The Catholic Church itself took over a hundred years to reverse its belief that the sun revolved around the earth, and over 350 years to admit their wrongful treatment of the scientist, Galileo, whose view was proven correct. What is unjust and immoral is when faith is allowed to dictate national policies and deprive actual, living women of their lives and health."

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CURRENTLY, an alliance of various health and reproductive rights groups is working on a campaign to pressure the Department of Health and the Bureau of Food and Drugs to re-think the decision to ban Postinor. Mustering the scientific and medical arguments for rescinding the ban, they summarize their points thus:

(1) Postinor is a contraceptive, not an abortifacient, based on the current definition of pregnancy.

(2) Postinor is one of the safest and most effective emergency contraceptives, and the "kindest" to women in that it has the least side effects and is much more convenient (requiring a single dose compared to multiple doses for conventional oral contraceptives).

(3) Postinor saves lives, when we consider the risks posed by unwanted pregnancy and childbirth and unsafe abortion.

(4) Reputable medical authorities, like the WHO, recommend the inclusion of EC in basic health care.

The latest word I got on this issue is that the DOH/BFAD is willing to reconsider its decision regarding Postinor, but only on a limited and case-to-case basis. When I asked what this meant, I was told that it means a woman who fears pregnancy after a rape or coerced sex will have to petition the department and ask it to allow her access to Postinor through importation. This will have to be done three days at most after each instance of unprotected sex, since Postinor can no longer prevent pregnancy if more than 72 hours have passed after unprotected sex.

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GIVEN the realities of the situation, is this "compromise" at all practical for women most in need of Postinor? I mean, have you ever heard the government bureaucracy acting on a petition in less than three days after receiving the appeal?

The struggle over emergency contraception is being waged not just for women who have been raped or are subject to violence and coercion. Or even for women and men who may have engaged in unprotected sex and had second thoughts the morning after.

The struggle is for all women, and for our reproductive rights. The ban against Postinor is just the opening salvo in a longer, more drawn-out war against contraception. The strategists in this war against reproductive rights say they are waging war in behalf of children and families. In truth, they are really seeking to revoke our right to make decisions for ourselves and our children, on how we could best raise and nurture our families.

Someone once said the best way to keep women downtrodden is to keep us "barefoot and pregnant." It's clear that that's the fate the fundamentalists among us envision for all women.

Distorting history

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo

WHEN I hear people complain about the wheels of justice grinding slow, I console them with the fact that the wheels of history are even slower. In 1984, then President Ferdinand Marcos, on the advice of the governor of Batangas who probably drafted the proclamation, issued Proclamation 2367 declaring July 23 as a special non-working holiday in Batangas in honor of Apolinario Mabini. This caused a minor controversy because Mabini's birthday had previously been commemorated on July 22. Thus, with the stroke of a presidential pen, there have been two Mabini days celebrated since—July 22 in his Nagtahan home along the Pasig and July 23 in his birthplace in Talaga, Batangas.

The issue may seem trivial, but it shows how the state, through official celebrations, holidays, monuments, etc. can rewrite or distort history. Proclamation 2367 did not state that Mabini was born on July 23, but it is seen as such. While every effort is made to make the date coincide with a historical event, the declaration of a holiday can be arbitrary. One can set aside any day to honor a hero or commemorate a significant historical event. What, aside from common sense and sensitivity, can stop the president from declaring Dec. 25 Mabini day?

On the correct birth date of Mabini there are two voices in the wilderness, Teodoro A. Agoncillo and the Dominican historian Fidel Villaroel, OP. They insist on historical accuracy and declare that Mabini was born on July 22, not July 23. I remember teasing Agoncillo by asking him how he could counter Mabini on a matter as basic as his birthday.

"Why should we take his word?" Agoncillo thundered.

"It's his birthday! How can Mabini be wrong about his own birthday?" I replied and enumerated other arguments for July 23 prompting him to say:

"This is not a popularity contest. So what if everyone says otherwise; I am a majority of one! Was Mabini, at the time of his birth, conscious that it was July 23? Why should he be accepted as an authority regarding the date of his birth? Just because he is the person involved does not mean he is correct!"

Aside from Mabini's own declaration expressed in a letter written when he was in exile in Guam, there is support for July 23 from the Catholic calendar for 1864 where unimaginative parents picked their children's names. The name given for July 23 is Apolinario. July 23, 1864 also happens to be the day Mabini was baptized. Agoncillo showed me an article "Controversial issues in Philippine history" where he stated:

"The Catholic calendar for 1864 cannot be taken as an authority, for all it shows is that the saint's name given for July 23 is Apolinario. Does this necessarily make Mabini's birthday July 23? To answer in the affirmative is to overextend the implication of that single fact which, in historical methodology is frowned upon. It is probable that the priest or his representative looked at the calendar on the day Mabini was brought to the church to be baptized, which was July 23, and picked Apolinario.

On Mabini giving the date of his birth Agoncillo explained:

"Mabini is less authoritative than his baptismal certificate, for the latter is a true copy, duly certified by the parish priest of Tanauan of the original entry in the book of baptism. Mabini's letter to an American wherein he stated that he was born on 23 July does not have the authority of his birth certificate. His testimony is hearsay and cannot compete with his birth certificate, which he himself presented to the University of Santo Tomas when he enrolled there to take up law. I based my conclusions on Mabini's birth certificate because it is the only indisputable documentary source on his birth and parentage. It is a principle in historical methodology that a genuine document takes precedence as authority over all other sources, unless it can be shown that it is a fraud or unless another document more authoritative than the first can be produced."

What is often forgotten in this controversy is a line in Mabini's baptismal certificate stating that Mabini was a day old when he was brought in for baptism. If Mabini was a day old when he was baptized on July 23, 1864 he was thus born the previous day, July 22. Agoncillo, who hails from Batangas, cites a relative who lived in a town before Mabini's birthplace, Talaga. When he asked Gregoria Lacsamana, his Nanay Uyang, what was the state of the road to Tanauan in the 1880s, he was told that there was no road to Tanauan at the time, only a *landas* or path. Agoncillo said, "You can imagine in 1863 or 1864 when Mabini was born, *at tag-ulan ! Sabi ko, ibig ninyong sabihin paglabas na paglabas ng bata sa kanyang ina, si* Mabini *dinala kaagad sa simbahan? Nalalaan ba ninyo kung gaano kalayo yan?*"

Last June 19, 2002 the Board of the National Historical Institute, among other matters, rectified the confusion over Mabini's birthday by declaring July 22, 1864 as the correct date. What may seem like a tiny insignificant act, if followed by other decisions on controversial issues, is a step in the right direction. Agoncillo, wherever he is at the moment, will be happy that his efforts were not in vain.

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Human being extraordinaire

COMMENTARY

Belinda A. Aquino

HONOLULU—She wanted to spend the usual summer vacation in New York whose fascination seems to have increased after Sept. 11. It had become almost a ritual every chance she got—the theater, museums, restaurants, the Village, Central Park, Fifth Avenue—all the landmarks that make New York New York. She treated me one time not very long ago to "my restaurant,"—she and Ronnie Alejandro took me to "Lindy's" not far from Times Square.

She was to have returned to Manila after a couple of weeks to resume her normal duties at the Ateneo. Jonathan Chua, editor of the festscrift volume published a couple of years ago, had already lined up an interview for another book on Ateneo icons on her return.

Instead, Doreen Gamboa Fernandez was claimed for eternity by the city she loved. She put up a heroic last stand against the ravages of a devastating illness she had battled for years. And she also wanted to die with dignity.

Still, death would not have been a stranger to this remarkable patient. She had been in some life-threatening situations in the past and prayer vigils had already been convened. But she had managed to prevail, due in large part to her hallmark traits of patience, discipline, determination, confidence, calmness, tenacity and other sources of inner strength. It wasn't long before she was back on the mend. She even traveled to India last year to attend an official function. She certainly knew how to live in style and with quality despite her deteriorating body because the unflappable spirit was always there. She would have known how to die as well, and die she did serenely in her favorite haunt following the day of the summer solstice.

Doreen led a very quiet life although she was always in the public's eye. She was many things to many people—teacher, scholar, editor, lecturer, adviser, critic, cultural writer, food expert, art collector and resource person or consultant for many community projects. She was capable of a whole range of intellectual and social activity, all of which she did extremely well. She had a rigorous work ethic, and she would rather hammer away at the computer rather than go shopping or party around. She, of course, did the restaurant circuit for material for her INQUIRER column. "In Good Taste," the title of her column in the Philippine Daily Inquirer, was very apropos. She had extremely good taste and style not just in food but everything.

She authored or co-authored more than a dozen books, hundreds of monographs and articles, and wrote one of the longest-running regular columns in the INQUIRER. She became a household word whose judgments on food, restaurants and community programs set the tone for the public taste. And in her nearly 40-year career, she taught thousands of students on literature, journalism, art, popular culture, communication and other subjects. Teaching the essentials of good writing was one of her strengths. I remember reading a touching testimonial one time of a former student who had become very successful in her career in America. She attributed her success largely to the gentle but rigorous mentoring under Doreen at the Ateneo. She had a high tolerance even for slow learners. She was an institution whose influence ranged far and wide particularly in art and humanities circles.

What makes this loss of a very important public person and stalwart in Philippine academia so deeply personal on my part is that she was also one of my closest friends who never let you down and was always there. She had that sixth sense, a kind of sensitivity often missing in other people, the instinctive ability to weigh things and do what is called for within a given framework. And it would always be topped by kindness and understanding. She wasn't just Dr. FeelGood or anything in some slapdash fashion. I think if I were to characterize her most enduring human quality, it would be the possession of emotional intelligence, which is a prime factor in many studies on leadership and human relations. I remember asking her once if she ever got angry or upset over anybody, over Wili, her husband, for instance, or over an inveterate detractor with his poison-pen diatribes against her. She simply smiled over the latter, asking rhetorically what the point would be in doing that, which would just dignify an indignity to begin with. She always chose the moral high ground over angst and confrontation. She was never a flashy person but everytime she was around you could sense a strong presence that you respect. That she had an excellent temperament is another way of describing her extraordinary human quotient. No wonder a lot of colleagues, friends and hangers-on gravitated around her for the pleasure of her company. This was so refreshing because in our lifetime we often meet negative personalities. Being with Doreen was always an experience in substance, reassurance and civility.

Like all enduring institutions Doreen will be hard to replace. But she has left a legacy of professionalism, productivity and creativity that needs to be passed on to and perpetuated by succeeding generations. She gave of herself generously and made tremendous contributions to higher education, academic life, culture and the arts, community values, and to Philippine society as a whole. She has left a void and she will sorely be missed.

It will be extremely hard getting used to Doreen not being around anymore. But in her final passage, the best tribute we can give her is to pledge to honor her memory and uphold the values she stood for in educating the young, supporting culture and the arts and enriching humanity as she had done with her profound contributions as a professional and human being extraordinaire.

A friend and colleague of Doreen for many years, Belinda A. Aquino has contributed to the fund that will go into establishing the Doreen G. Fernandez Professorial Chair at the Ateneo de Manila University. Please contact the Ateneo if you are interested in making a contribution.

THEY SAID

Erase terrorism first

"Terrorism is a scourge upon the earth and we must obliterate it so that we can move and win the battle against poverty, which is the most important battle in our country."

—President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on stepping against the Abu Sayyaf

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No possible justification for unique car wash

THIS refers to the article last June 26 on bikini-clad women washing cars for a living, in full view of the male patrons of the restaurants employing these women. Congratulations to Gabriela's Liza Maza for her prompt reaction to this moral dilemma.

I also laud the women who choose to work under this morally questionable setup. Faced with a seemingly insurmountable economic crisis coupled with a strong determination to make a better life for themselves and their families, they opt to swallow their pride and, instead, insult their intelligence by accepting such a means of earning a living. The article said these women were in their late teens, who only wished to finish their schooling.

Of course, with a market economy like ours aggravated by a male chauvinistic view of women as mere sexual objects to be enjoyed, and, perhaps, violated, mutilated and later on thrown away as one does a dirty rag, poverty would thus be exploited for a profit of a few paltry pesos. Business is bad, you know. So business needs creative marketing ploys and value-added plus services to maintain patrons and invite new customers to its doors.

The restaurant owner, also quoted in the article, admitted as much. Cold-hearted? Morally challenged? Simple business sense? That they are subjected to numerous indecent proposals from the restaurant's patrons is immaterial to these women, as they know in their hearts that they are not immoral or criminal. But is that all they are exposed to?

By exposing these women to an environment which encourages lust and violence against them (remember, they are merely objects to be used, not persons to be respected like mothers, wives and sisters), would this restaurant owner be held criminally and civilly liable under the law, like our Labor Code (Title III, Chapter 1, Employment of Women), Revised Penal Code Articles 200 (Grave Scandal) and 201 (Immoral Doctrines, Obscene Publications and Exhibitions and Indecent Shows), the New Civil Code, to mention a few? What makes these restaurants in Iloilo City and Alabang any different from those establishments staging "shows" of naked or practically naked women very often subjected to raids by the police?

The restaurant owner quoted in the article cites the presence of such bikini-clad women in establishments in the United States. So, according to his world view, what's good for John is just as good for Juan. As with most small- and medium-scale entrepreneurs, he sadly and conveniently ignores the difference in the socio-cultural milieu of business in a country like ours and the United States, the lone super economy in the world. For as long as we have businessmen who so readily sacrifice the rights of their workers to the god of profit, we cannot in all seriousness follow in the footsteps of Uncle Sam's rednecks gawking at female bodies washing the mud off farm trucks.

Admittedly, we cannot view the issue in black and white. The appropriate thing to do, at this time, is to delve more deeply into the consequences of employing bikini-clad women as a marketing ploy. That employment is dangled in the faces of our poverty-stricken women to induce them into surrendering their humanity is more obscene than any pornographic exhibition of the female body could ever be. No justification based on grounds of practical business sense or free will can ever change that.

—ELENA CRUZ, Brookside, Cainta, Rizal

Is Sabaya dead?

VOICES ON INQ7.NET

I DON'T know if I should believe these geeks who are saying that Abu Sabaya is dead. Until they recover the body, they should not be releasing all these reports. What if it wasn't Sabaya who died in that encounter?—**Arantong**

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Don't worry. They'd produce two to three decomposed bodies and present them to the media.—**Miss Makati**

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I don't think he's dead right now, maybe eventually. I believe he's wounded and in military custody. I bet they're keeping him to find out where the money is. The members of the military are just saying he's dead and they can't find the body, so they don't need to present anything to the media.—**Maverick**

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I agree with you. I don't care much for hearsay evidence. I want no less than a positive DNA on his skeletal remains! Dental identification is unacceptable.—**baroque**

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Abu Sabaya is still alive...I think so too...well, I just don't get it...why has his body not been found up to now? And why is the military strongly confirming reports that he is already dead, though his corpse has yet to be found? I mean, any 10-year-old kid would feel peculiar about this...I am not accusing the military of anything...it's just that it's strange to release such reports at a 50-50 chance...—**Idckie**

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The Philippine military, including the US general who is betting his paycheck, are strongly affirming the death of Sabaya to save Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's and George Bush's faces. Both leaders have already announced to the world the demise of Sabaya. In my opinion, Gloria should have waited a day or two until the smoke cleared before calling President Bush.

Sabaya is now in Florida disguised as Mickey Mouse.—**erica**

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The declaration of the military personnel that Sabaya is dead and his body cannot be shown because when he was shot he fell into the water must be accepted, although it is disputable. The person disputing Sabaya's death has the burden of proving that Sabaya is alive. Henceforth, the pronouncements of the military, US General Wurster and Ms Macapagal- Arroyo must be taken. Anyone who contests their statements have the burden to show a live Sabaya; otherwise, the person disputing their contention has no leg to stand on.—**Ms. Mason**

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Obviously, the Pinoys' intelligence has been insulted, again, by the AFP's premature proclamation without a bodybag...but at the same time many jubilant Pinoys jumped onto the bandwagon without being clear about why...

Abu Sabaya could be somewhere smoking his cigar and pondering "what could have been..."—**non sequitur**

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I think it's more like "the boy who cried wolf" story. They have been telling us "feel good stories" one time too many so that people have become cynical about any "good news" coming from so-called official sources....

Put bluntly, it's a simple credibility problem! If they had undeniable proof of it, they wouldn't have any problem convincing us that Sabaya is dead.—**piping dilat**

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What if this is just a ruse to make him disappear with a new identity?

First, he left his old ID—he doesn't need it—a new driver's license can be issued courtesy of Ate Glo's LTO.

Heck with the ransom money they made, he could be in Disneyland by now cavorting with the pirates of the Caribbean, hehehe...

I always know when these nuts tell a lie; they make the subject disappear. Remember Mawanay?—**amoy ong**

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At this point, the supposedly bullet-riddled, lifeless body of Abu Sabaya is nowhere to be found, thereby raising many suspicions and speculations. Thus, we either accept the AFP's version of Sabaya's end, or reject it with incredulity and join the chorus demanding the government to show us the body.

For now, what is more important is the fact that the glib, arrogant Sabaya, who once dreamt of having his rather meaningless life made into film, has been neutralized either temporarily or permanently. We can only cheer for this fact and the reality that he can no longer be the role model for bloodthirsty kidnappers-to-be. Of course, the neutralization of Sabaya does not spell the end of the Abu Sayyaf. Nonetheless, if we are not too pessimistic about this entire episode, it may well be the death-knell for this group.

Therefore, it's time to zero in on the rest of the bandits and erase them from the face of the earth. Let's just hope that they don't do a disappearing act even before the military gets close to them, as they are probably island-hopping right now somewhere south of Sulu.—**rady1976**

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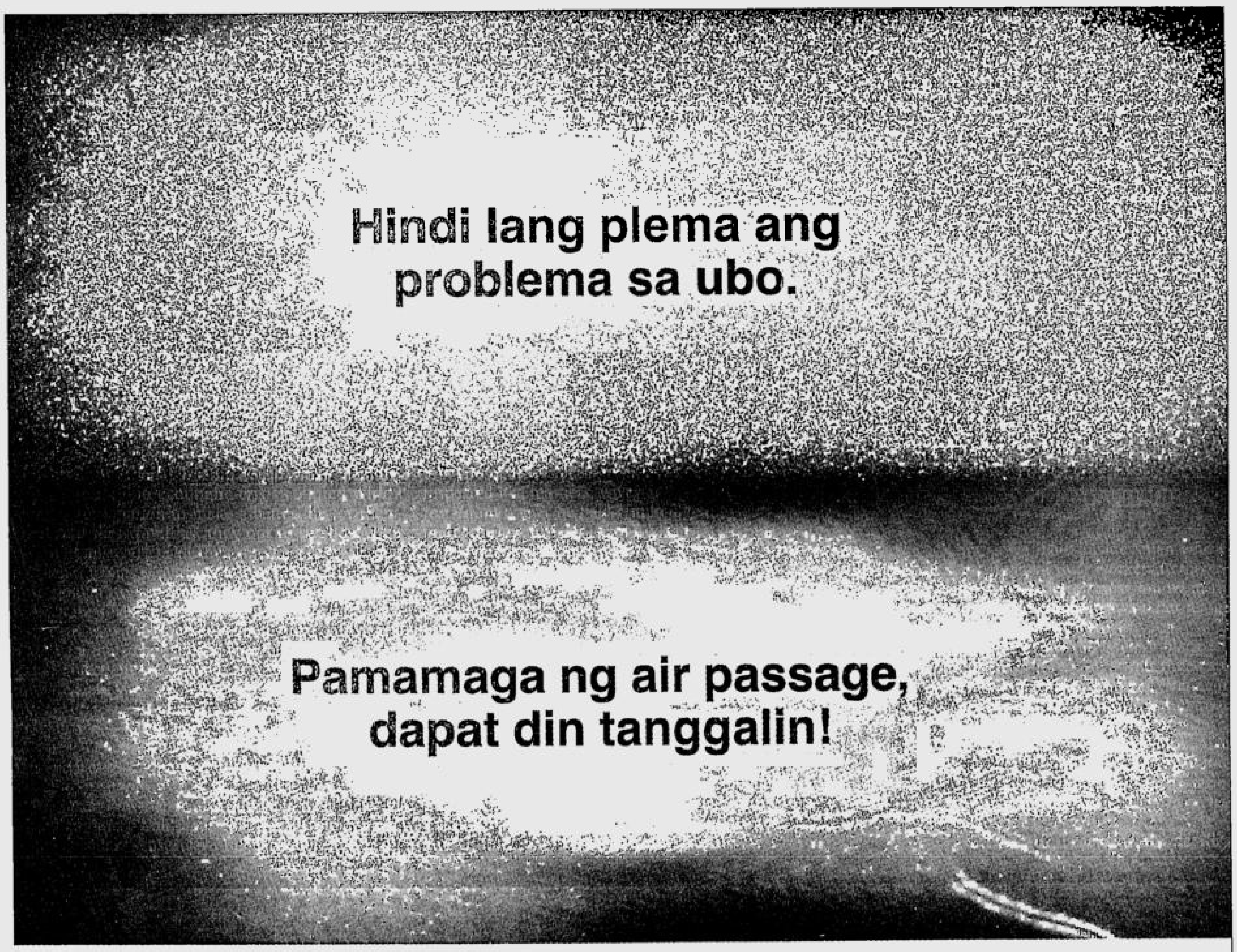

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The WORLD

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Bush: Dump Arafat or face consequences

KANANASKIS, Alberta—US President George W. Bush stepped up pressure on the Palestinians on Wednesday to remove longtime leader Yasser Arafat, threatening to hold up new financial aid until they embrace reform and sever ties to terrorism.

"I've got confidence in the Palestinians, when they understand fully what we're saying, that they'll make the right decisions," Bush said after Palestinian President Arafat called elections for January and set plans to run again.

But Bush warned: "I can assure you, we won't be putting money into a society which is not transparent and corrupt, and I suspect other countries won't either."

A senior administration official said US concerns over corruption had already slowed the flow of assistance to the Palestinian people. The United States currently provides about $100 million annually.

While humanitarian aid such as food and medicine can continue, the official said Bush made clear "new resources" were conditioned on Palestinian reforms. "We're not prepared to see funding go down a black hole," the official said.

The threat came as key US allies meeting in the Canadian Rockies resort of Kananaskis expressed little enthusiasm for Bush's call for replacing the Palestinian president with new leaders "not compromised by terror."

Bush has set tough conditions for his proposed path to provisional Palestinian statehood within 18 months and a final settlement in three years. As well as seeking new leadership, he has called for sweeping democratic reforms, a constitution and a new security arrangement that Israel can trust.

Canada voiced concern at Bush's hard-line stance on Arafat. "I don't think it's appropriate to say whether he's fit or unfit," Canadian Foreign Minister Bill Graham said in a television interview.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, like Bush, said he was frustrated with Arafat. "We've got to have leadership we can negotiate with that is serious about peace and resists and totally rejects terrorism," Blair said.

But he added: "It's for the Palestinians to elect the people that they choose to elect . . . So this is not a question of us going in and saying to the Palestinians, 'Look, we're going to run your election.'"

Bush and Blair met one-on-one during the opening day of the annual summit of the Group of Eight nations.

Bush met with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien on Tuesday as leaders pressed ahead with an agenda overshadowed by the controversy surrounding Bush's blueprint.

US officials said Bush received intelligence last week that Arafat authorized a $20,000 payment to Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, which claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing in Israel last week that killed six people and wounded 35.

But officials said this was not the sole factor behind the president's decision to call for Arafat's removal, citing earlier evidence of links between Arafat and militants, including the Iranian shipment of arms aboard the Karine A ship seized by Israel.

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Worldcom faces fraud charges, collapse

WASHINGTON—Telecom giant WorldCom, caught in a web of deceit and accounting fraud, faced federal fraud charges Wednesday as it hurtled toward collapse under the watchful eyes of a public already reeling from the Enron affair.

The US Securities and Exchange Commission filed the fraud charges in a federal court in New York a day after the company announced officials had misrepresented 3.8 billions of dollars in expenses over the last five quarters.

"We've charged WorldCom with securities fraud and reporting violations" related to filings made in 2001 and the first quarter of 2002, said Bill Baker, the SEC's assistant director of enforcement.

The agency will also seek wide-ranging court permission to prevent destruction of documents and to bar any payouts to past or present executives of WorldCom pending a probe.

The WorldCom scandal illustrated "the need for comprehensive market regulatory reforms that the administration, the Congress, and the SEC have been advocating and implementing," the SEC earlier said in a statement.

WorldCom had no immediate response to the filing.

The once high-flying firm's restatement of its profits was the largest in US corporate history and could eclipse the scandal of US energy giant Enron, bringing another corporate disaster to the steps of auditors Arthur Andersen—already convicted on federal charges of criminal wrongdoing.

At the Group of Eight Summit in Canada, President George W. Bush termed the WorldCom scandal "outrageous" and vowed a full investigation into the firm's apparent accounting irregularities.

"Those who are entrusted with shareholders' money must—strive for the highest of high standards," he said.

A US Justice Department spokesman said the case was "under review" but declined to elaborate.

Standard and Poor's lowered its long-term corporate credit rating on WorldCom Inc to "CCC-" from "B+," citing "the high degree of uncertainty surrounding WorldCom's ability to ultimately pay its outstanding debt" of some $30 billion.

"These events increase the likelihood of a debt restructuring or Chapter 11 filing near term," said the credit rating firm.

Other analysts also were skeptical the firm would survive.

"WorldCom's shareholders' long-term hope depends largely on the faith of the firm's creditors, which is now probably nonexistent," said Michael Hodel of Morningstar. "With executives like WorldCom's, who needs a crumbling industry?"

According to a statement released by the Clinton, Mississippi-based WorldCom, monies that were actually expenses were booked as capital. This was accomplished outside of generally accepted accounting rules, the company stated.

A proper accounting of those funds, the company said, would have resulted in a reduced cash flow of $6.3 billion in 2001 and $1.4 billion for the first quarter of 2002, meaning the company would have reported a net loss in 2001, and for the first quarter of 2002.

In 2001, WorldCom claimed $1.4 billion in profit, and $130 million in profit for the first quarter of 2002. Final numbers for those last five quarters won't be available until another audit is conducted, the company said.

WorldCom chief financial officer Scott Sullivan and controller David Myers have been sacked, the company said.

The company has notified US securities regulators of the impropriety, WorldCom stated, and has retained an outside law firm to investigate the matter. WorldCom chief executive John Sidgmore said the company's management team was "shocked by these discoveries."

"We are committed to operating WorldCom in accordance with the highest ethical standards."

Almost as an afterthought, WorldCom said it was laying off 17,000 people in a cost-cutting move.

Sidgmore said the company, despite these revelations, "remains viable and committed to a long-term future." **AFP**

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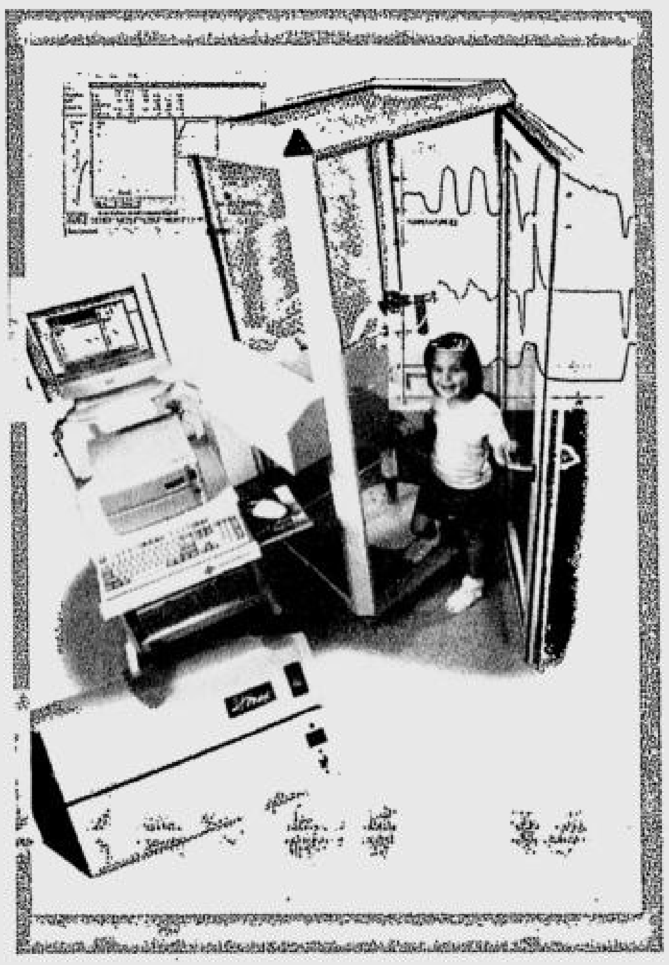

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CHRISTINE Nielsen, a former Enron Corporation employee, is featured on the cover of the August 2002 issue of Playboy Magazine in this undated publicity photograph. Nielsen, 28 of Portland, Oregon, was a project coordinator for Enron and is featured in the "Women of Enron" nude photo layout of former Enron employees.

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Playboy features 'Women of Enron'

HOUSTON—Playboy magazine has turned its cameras—and airbrushes—on the women of Enron, the energy company that went bust after admitting it had smoothed over its figures.

Playboy on Wednesday introduced the stars of its "Women of Enron" issue, current and former employees of the Houston energy trading giant who show their stuff in an issue set to hit newsstands nationally on Friday.

Four of the 10 women featured in the photo spread appeared at a news conference Wednesday across the street from the corporate headquarters of Enron Corp., which filed the largest-ever US bankruptcy last year after its cooked books exploded.

The four also appeared in front of the Enron offices by the ubiquitous "crooked E" sign—in a clothed reprise of the picture that leads off the photo layout. Enron's secretive accounting prompted calls for greater corporate disclosure—and it comes in 10 full-color pages in Playboy's August issue.

The 10 models were culled from among more than 300 who auditioned with Playboy, the flagship and namesake for Chicago-based adult media conglomerate Playboy Enterprises Inc.

Taria Reed, a database coordinator who appears in naught but a yellow scarf, said she posed for herself—and also to show that people are still working hard every day at what's left of Enron.

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Notorious militia leader on trial over Timor slays

JAKARTA, Indonesia—A notorious pro-Jakarta militia leader ordered his followers to kill East Timorese independence activists in violence that swept the former Indonesian territory three years ago, a prosecutor said Thursday.

Eurico Guterres, whom rights activists accuse of overseeing the bloodshed when East Timor voted to break away from Indonesian rule in August 1999, is one of 24 Indonesians—mostly police, military and civilian officials—facing prosecution for a rampage that claimed at least 1,000 lives.

Guterres appeared relaxed on the opening day of his trial, swaggering into the courtroom in a military-style uniform and smiling as the indictment was read out.

He led a militia that the United Nations says conducted a campaign of killing and burning in and around the East Timorese capital, Dili. UN officials have accused Indonesia's military chiefs and local officials of setting up, funding and arming various pro-Jakarta militias.

Prosecutor Muhammad Yusuf said Guterres had addressed hundreds of his men on April 17, 1999, shortly before they stormed the house of prominent pro-independence leader Manuel Carrascalao, killing his son and 11 refugees sheltering there.

Yusuf quoted the leader of the feared Aitarak (Thorn) militia as telling his followers that "all pro-independence people" must be killed.

Dili's Indonesian police and military chiefs, as well the territory's then-governor and po-

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lice commander, are being tried separately over the same incident.

Under a recently passed human rights law, Guterres is accused of failing to prevent his men from attacking the Carrascalao residence.

If convicted, he could face the death penalty.

"The defendant did not take sufficient action to prevent his men from attacking and murdering the refugees," the prosecutor said.

Guterres has repeatedly said he was innocent. He has justified his actions by saying that he was defending Indonesia's territorial integrity.

Indonesia invaded East Timor in 1975, after the collapse of Portuguese colonial rule. The occupation was never recognized by the United Nations.

Activists contend that Indonesia's courts are too corrupt and incompetent to handle such sensitive cases and that indictments are weak and poorly prepared. **AP**

G8 clinches deal to secure Russian excess plutonium

CALGARY, Canada—Group of Eight leaders Wednesday clinched a $20 billion deal designed to keep Russia's vulnerable excess plutonium deposits out of the hands of terrorists, German delegation sources said.

Under the plan, the United States will put up $10 billion over 10 years, amid anxiety that terror groups could sow carnage by detonating nuclear, or radiological "dirty bombs."

Other members of the Group of Seven nations, Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Germany and Japan are required to come up with another $10 billion under the plan, which has become known as "10 plus 10 over 10."

Should those nations fail to find the cash, a call for donations will be made to other states, the German delegation sources said.

The agreement was reached after the plan won endorsement by G7 nations and Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Group of Eight summit here.

Dismantling Russia's stocks of military plutonium, which are viewed as particularly susceptible to theft in the corruption-tainted post-Soviet era, has become a main focus of international efforts to halt proliferation.

The doomsday scenario of terrorists brandishing nuclear or radiological weapons took on added urgency after the United States said it had thwarted a bid by the al-Qaida network to explode a "dirty bomb" in its territory.

US citizen Jose Padilla, who changed his name to Abdullah al-Muhajir after converting to Islam, was arrested in Chicago on May 9 after returning to the United States from Pakistan where he reportedly met members of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Stopping the proliferation of the ingredients of weapons of mass destruction has emerged as a key foreign policy goal of US President George W. Bush's administration in the months since the September 11 attacks.

Experts warn that a "dirty bomb," while it may not kill huge number of people, could contaminate a wide area with radiation, and sow panic among the population.

Time magazine reported that Padilla intended to detonate such a device in Washington DC.

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Colombia rebs tell mayors: Resign or die

IN THE EASTERN CORDILLERA MOUNTAINS, Colombia—Colombia's largest rebel army threatened to kill or kidnap the country's mayors and municipal judges if they did not resign by midnight on Wednesday, in its biggest offensive against civilian authorities in 38 years of guerrilla war.

In an interview atop a mountain outside the capital, Bogota, late on Tuesday, a Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia commander told Reuters the rebels aimed to destroy the state from the bottom up. He said the elimination of mayors and all municipal authorities was the first step.

"The government has declared total war against us, and our response is to politically disregard the state, its representatives and its laws," said the man known as "Byron," commander of the rebel army's 51st front.

"A new, grass-roots power must be built by the people . . . The birth of this new power will not recognize old institutions," he added, clad in camouflage and toting an Israeli-made Galil assault rifle.

Byron said the offensive followed the outgoing government's "unilateral" decision four months ago to scrap peace talks with the Marxist rebels known by their Spanish initials FARC.

The FARC previously threatened about 120 mayors, but the newest threat extended to officials in all 1,097 municipalities of the war-torn nation.

It would be the most far-reaching assault against civilian authorities in a conflict that has claimed 40,000 lives in the past decade.

In the past, the FARC concentrated attacks on military targets. The armed forces, although overstretched, have been strengthened in recent years, thanks partly to US aid.

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US Pledge of Allegiance ruled unconstitutional

SAN FRANCISCO—Taking a hammer to one of the pillars of US civic society, a federal appeals court ruled on Wednesday it was unconstitutional to ask schoolchildren to recite the Pledge of Allegiance vowing fealty to one nation "under God."

In a 2-1 decision that drew condemnation from across the political spectrum, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a 1954 Act of the US Congress that added "under God" to the pledge, saying the words violated the basic Constitutional tenet of separation of church and state.

President George W. Bush called the ruling "ridiculous," while the US Senate voted 99-0 for a resolution that expressed support for the pledge.

The court, ruling on a challenge lodged by a California atheist, said the pledge "impermissibly takes a position with respect to the purely religious question of the existence and identity of God."

"A profession that we are a nation 'under God' is identical . . . to a profession that we are a nation 'under Jesus,' a nation 'under Vishnu,' a nation 'under Zeus,' or a nation 'under no god,'" the court said in its 2-1 majority opinion, written by Justice Alfred Goodwin.

Legal analysts said the decision, the first of its kind in the country, would almost certainly be appealed to the US Supreme Court—which begins its sessions with the words "God save the United States and the honorable court."

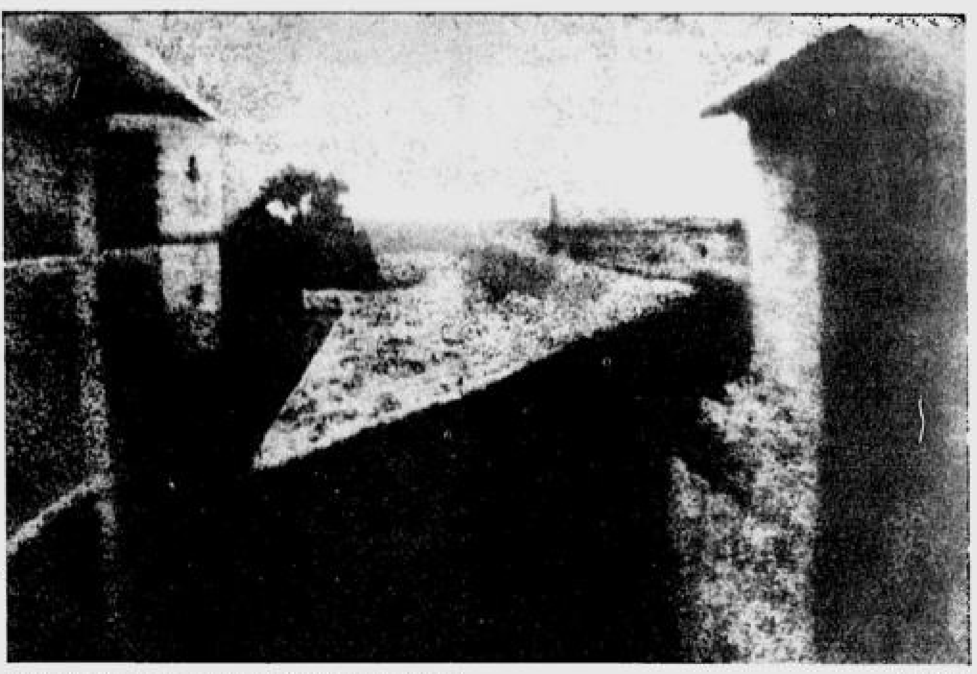
"I don't see how they could avoid it," said Michael Shapiro, a professor of law at the University of Southern California.

"As a purely technical matter, there is nothing drastically wrong with the opinion," Shapiro said. "This can't be dismissed as a frolic of some flaming left-wing know-nothings."

The case turned on interpretations of the "Establishment Clause" of the First Amendment to the Constitution, which requires that Congress "make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

The Establishment Clause has already led to a series of debates over the separation of church and state in the United States, with cases ranging from publicly-funded Christmas displays to school prayer.

But in addressing the Pledge of Allegiance, the current case takes on one of the country's strongest patriotic traditions. *Reuters*



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An image acknowledged as the world's first photograph, depicting a farm building, pear and poplar trees, is pictured in this publicity photograph. The image, taken by a French inventor Joseph Nicephore Niepce in 1826, has passed its first full-scale analysis with flying colors.

Iraq trying harder to down planes, says US

WASHINGTON—Iraq has in recent days increased attempts to shoot down US and British warplanes policing "no fly" zones over the country, the Pentagon's top general said on Wednesday.

Speaking hours after the latest of hundreds of skirmishes between Iraqi air defenses and western jets since the 1991 Gulf War, Air Force Gen. Richard Myers said anti-aircraft guns had fired at the warplanes about 10 times in the past three days in northern Iraq.

"That's a significant number," the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told reporters, adding that US and other western warships had in the last week also stopped 21 vessels—mostly small sailing dhows—trying to smuggle oil out of Iraq through the Gulf in violation of UN sanctions.

He said the number of ships stopped apparently had increased because Iran recently stopped giving protection of its territorial waters to Iraqi and other tankers trying to slip past a blockade. Myers said the oil was being transferred to large numbers of smaller vessels.

Myers spoke shortly after the US European Command said in a statement from its headquarters in Germany that Iraqi forces fired anti-aircraft artillery at warplanes north of Ayn Zalah and they responded by dropping precision-guided bombs on an air defense target.

The statement was not more specific, but said all of the jets departed the area safely.

In Baghdad, Iraq said its anti-aircraft defenses fired at US and British warplanes flying over civilian targets in the north of the country.

"At 11:05 a.m. today American and British planes carried out 14 sorties from Turkey, flying over Amadiya, Zakho, Ayn Zalah, Aqra, Arbeil, Rawandiz, Mosul and Duhouk," an Iraqi military spokesman said in a statement carried by the official Iraqi News Agency. Iraq's ground air defenses fired at the planes and forced them to return to their bases, the spokesman added.

Myers did not give special significance to the spate of firings over recent days, noting simply that Iraq—which does not recognize the no-fly zones—was "firing at our pilots and putting them at risk."

Iraqi resistance to the policing aircraft has increased and decreased over the years. Iraq, meanwhile, has been under United Nations sanctions imposed after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The tit-for-tat exchanges, which started after Western aircraft began patrolling northern and southern no-fly zones in Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War, have increased in recent months amid speculation that Washington is preparing for a possible invasion of Iraq to oust President Saddam Hussein. *Reuters*

Argentina rocked by bloody riots

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina—Police firing rubber bullets and tear gas canisters fought pitched battles with anti-government protesters in the Argentine capital on Wednesday, leaving two dead in the worst riots since the elected government was toppled in December.

The clashes began when riot police tried to disperse hundreds of unemployed protesters, some wearing ski masks and holding slingshots, blocking roads into the capital to decry economic policies that have deepened poverty and joblessness across Argentina.

Officials said at least 17 people were injured and 160 arrested.

As evening fell, hundreds more protesters gathered outside Congress and the presidential palace in central Buenos Aires, and the clanging of pots and pans as ordinary Argentines joined in the demonstrations recalled scenes that preceded the fall of President Fernando de la Rua amid food riots.

Argentina's caretaker leader, Eduardo Duhalde, languishing in the polls and fighting for his political future, had vowed a get-tough approach on protests as he struggled to convince a skeptical International Monetary Fund to agree to an aid pact vital to stemming a spiraling social crisis and punishing four-year recession.

Protesters, who demand government aid for everything from medicine to food and who regularly block main highways around Argentina, accused the baton-wielding police of heavy-handedness. They said more than 90 demonstrators were injured. *Reuters*

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Pangasinan clan aide killed; maid abducted

By Gobleth Moulic
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DAGUPAN CITY—A month after the patriarch of a prominent political clan in Pangasinan was robbed and his driver and another aide were abducted, authorities found on Monday the body of the driver, which was buried in a shallow grave in Rosales town.

A joint team of the National Bureau of Investigation, Rosales police and the 107th Provincial Mobile Group recovered the decomposing body of Abad Sulpacio, driver of former Pangasinan Gov. Conrado Estrella Sr., inside Estrella's farm at Sitio Rosalia in Barangay San Bartolome in Rosales.

Lawyer Ricardo Pangan Jr., acting NBI chief here, said that at 2 a.m. on May 7, seven armed men robbed Estrella's house in Barangay Carmen East, Rosales of cash and several pieces of jewelry.

Pangan said that when the suspects did not find Estrella who is also a former agrarian reform minister, they killed Sulpacio and abducted the maid.

They took the maid to various places in Tarlac and Leyte where she was repeatedly raped by one of the suspects who she identified only as Fred.

He said the suspects, all working in Estrella's farm, used Estrella's Toyota Revo as getaway vehicle.

Pangan said the girl, a native of Mandaue City, escaped on June 4 from the suspects' safe house in Leyte and sought the help of the NBI Central Visayas regional office in Cebu City on June 23.

The Cebu-based agents immediately coordinated with the NBI here and arrested two suspects—Cita Lim Tañedo of Tarlac and Alberto Anticamara of Cebu—in Estrella's farm.

Police are hunting five other farm workers believed to have been involved in the abduction and the killing of Sulpacio. Pangan identified them as Dick and Roberto Tañedo, Marvin Lim, Lando Calaguas and a certain Fred.

The suspects were charged with robbery, kidnapping with murder and kidnapping with rape before the municipal trial court in Rosales.

Anticamara, who led the police in the recovery of Sulpacio's body, is now under the custody of Estrella's grandson, Pangasinan Board Member Robert Raymund Estrella Jr.

Perjury charges filed vs SK bets

BACOLOD CITY—The Commission on Elections is filing charges of perjury and falsification of public documents against five Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) voters, three of whom are candidates, for registering twice in Binalbagan, Negros Occidental.

Comelec provincial supervisor Marsha Cordero identified the five as Rene Sermona, Mark Anthony Cabansag, Ching Cameros, Roland Humawah and Ian Tonoy.

She said Sermona is running for SK chair in Barangay Bia-ao, Binalbagan, about 72 kilometers south of this city.

She, however, could not remember who among the four others were the two candidates for SK councilors in Binalbagan.

But she said she had instructed Binalbagan Election Officer Juan Reliquias to file a case against Sermona, Cameros, Humawah, Cabansag and Tonoy.

The five were found to have registered twice. The first was during the special registration in December 2001, when they stated that they were over 18 years old.

In May, they registered again and this time, indicated that they were only 16 and 17 years old.

Cordero said the five falsified their birth certificates to support their claim that they were below 18 years old.

"The Comelec should exercise its power to prevent double registration," said Cordero.

Under Republic Act 9164, the new law that governs the synchronized barangay and SK elections, only 15 to 17 year old voters, can participate in the SK elections.

Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau

Gov says Masbate needs more troops

MASBATE CITY—Masbate Gov. Antonio Kho has asked the Armed Forces Southern Luzon Command to assign permanently military troops in his province to curb violent incidents involving the New People's Army.

Kho, chair of the Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) and the Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council (PDCC), personally conveyed his request to Solcom chief Maj. Gen. Roy Kyamko during the joint regular meeting of the PPOC and the PDCC Tuesday.

He recommended the permanent deployment of soldiers in the mining towns of Aroroy, Baleno, Mandaon, Balud, Milagros and Mobo and this city, where rebel sightings are more frequent.

In its latest assessment, the PPOC reported that the armed insurgency in Masbate had worsened.

Herminigildo Betonio, Masbate prosecutor, said, however, that the deployment of additional troops should be clearly defined to ensure the peaceful conduct of the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections on July 15.

During the last three elections, Masbate was placed under Commission on Elections control due to widespread fraud and violence, including scores of election-related killing.

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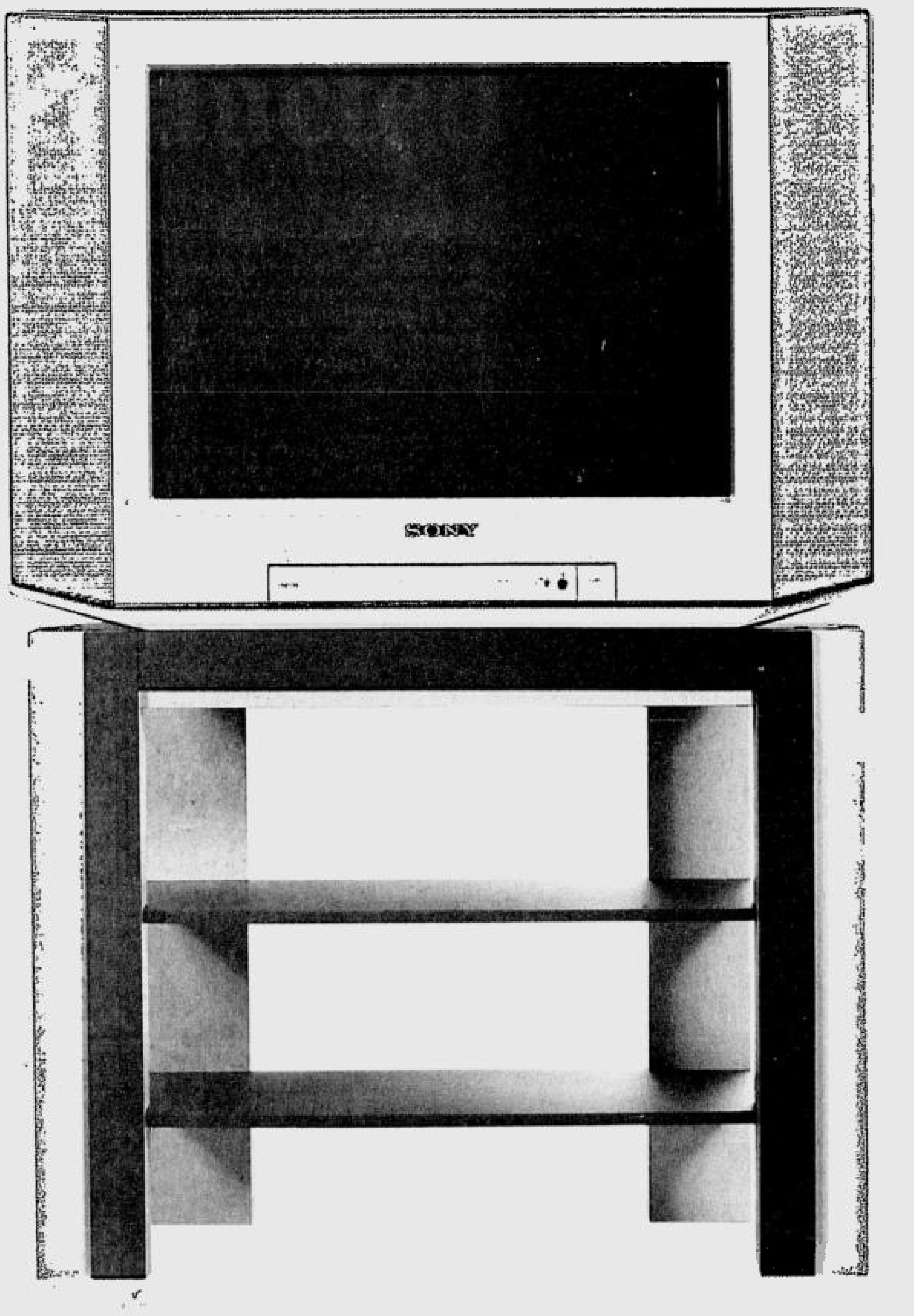

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Power rates go up in Cagayan de Oro

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The Cagayan de Oro Electric Light and Power Co. (Cepalco) announced on Monday that it was imposing a 22-centavo increase per kilAowatt-hour on the electric consumption of its consumers to be reflected in their June bills.

But lawyer Edgardo Uy, Cepalco vice president, said the additional charges will not benefit the electric firm.

He told irate members of the city council here on Monday that the 22-centavo additional charge per kilowatt-hour was actually a pass-on rate from the government-run National Power Corp.

The city council had summoned Cepalco after the power firm distributed notices informing consumers of a "slight increase" in electric charges.

No benefit

"We do not get a centavo from this increase. We only get our revenue from the basic rate and the (allowed) rate of return," Uy said.

Cepalco had not sought an increase for its own benefit in the past seven years, he said.

"We have maintained the basic rate of P4.10," he said.

Melburgo Chiu, vice president of the Napocor's Generation Company in Mindanao, admitted that the increase was indeed of Napocor's doing to offset the fuel cost on power generation.

"There is nothing we can do about this because it is what came out of the automatic formula that the Energy Regulatory Council has mandated in 1993," Chiu told the INQUIRER.

However, Councilor Benjamin Benaldo, chair of the committee on commerce, said there was no reason for Cepalco to impose the charges.

He said the power firm has already been raking profits with its high rates.

Benaldo said other Mindanao firms collect lower rates than Cepalco's.

Lower

In Davao City, consumers pay only a basic rate of P3.70 per kilowatt-hour.

"The fuel cost adjustment increase is unnecessary. Cepalco should not only think of raking profits but it should also look into its social responsibility. We could not just accept its notice saying that a slight increase is in the offing," an irate Benaldo said.

He said it was unfortunate that the power firm thought of the increase, when consumers were already complaining of the high power rates.

Benaldo said if the Napocor continues to implement the 1993 automatic formula for power rates, the government's plan to lower electricity costs by reducing the purchased power adjustment (PPA) would be futile.

Guarantees

In Ozamiz City, Fernando Sumondong, social science coordinator of the Catholic-run Immaculate Conception College-La Salle, said a lowered PPA "does not guarantee an end to this unjustified electricity billing charge."

"We all know that proceeds from the PPA levy goes to pay for Napocor liabilities arising from power supply contracts with independent power producers (IPPs)," Sumondong, also chair of Freedom from Debt Coalition (FDC)-Misamis Occidental, said.

He said power consumers wanted the government to totally scrap the PPA.

In Zamboanga del Sur, the inter-faith group Kaalagad has embarked on a campaign to gather as many signatures in support of a manifesto calling for the abolition of PPA.

It also called on the government to seriously consider the scrapping of "onerous and anomalous contracts" and the renegotiation of other agreements it entered into IPPs because of the current excess capacity in power generation. ***Grace Albasin and Ryan Rosauro, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

University prof gunned down

KABACAN, Cotabato—A professor of the state-owned University of Southern Mindanao here was shot dead by a lone gunman inside the school's campus on Wednesday morning.

Insp. Abner Banaybanay, town police chief, said Engr. Elvira Rendon, 40, of the USM's Engineering Department, succumbed to a single bullet wound on her back.

Banaybanay said Rendon, a widow, was to meet her students at around 8 a.m. when the suspect attacked her from behind.

After the incident, the police invited a 3rd year college student for questioning.

Joseph Maganaka, an agricultural economics student, was allegedly seen near Rendon shortly before the incident, according to some witnesses.

Banaybanay said one of the witness admitted he saw Maganaka shooting the teacher.

Initial investigation showed that Maganaka was fuming mad at Rendon after he was given a failing grade in Calculus. ***Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Sunga, 64

DAVAO CITY—Former Davao del Sur Vice Gov. Antonio Sunga died Thursday morning. Sunga, 64, and chair of the Lakas Party in the province, died a few hours after he was rushed to the family-owned Sunga Hospital in Digos City due to difficulty in breathing. His remains lie at the Sunga residence along Quezon Avenue in Digos City.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Central and Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming widespread rains over Bicol and Eastern Visayas.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31° Lo 24°
Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains	HI 30° Lo 23°
Davao	Cloudy with Rains	HI 30° Lo 24°

Compiled by: Ray Leyesa, PDI Research/06/28/02

ROUNDUP

Multigrade classes

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Ibrahim Albar, Department of Education director for Western Mindanao, said an increase in the number of enrollees in public schools in the Zamboanga Peninsula and the lack of funds to hire additional teachers, had forced the DepEd to resort to multigrade classes. A teacher handles three grades at the same time, a practice that is more prevalent in Zamboanga del Sur, he said. School supervisors have been tasked to monitor the progress of these classes, regularly to ensure quality education, he said.

Ed General, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Anti-rabies campaign

ZAMBOANGA CITY—The city government has launched an intensified anti-rabies campaign, which will eventually use animal catchers in all the 98 barangays here. The hiring of barangay animal catchers was among the items in City Ordinance No. 2002-06 that establishes the city pound. The ordinance was passed after a stray dog bit at least 17 people here about three months ago. Councilor Cesar Jimenez said the ordinance requires pet owners to register their animals with the City Veterinarian Office.

Ed General, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Robbers die in mishap

COTABATO CITY—Two men died when the motorcycle they were riding in smashed into a hauler truck in nearby Aleosan, Cotabato on Tuesday. Senior Supt. Sanggacala Dampac, city police chief, said the suspects Randy Carillo and, his brother Gerry, were out to hide the Yamaha motorcycle, which they allegedly stole from Elmer Omar Gaya of the city treasurer's office, when it hit a truck parked along a dirt road at Barangay San Mateo. Gaya said his motorcycle was parked beside a police precinct near the city hall when it disappeared.

Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Donation for hospital

LEGAZPI CITY—The family of Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte has donated a 2.8-hectare lot to the provincial government of Albay. Belmonte and some relatives signed on June 21 a memorandum of agreement on behalf of the Belmonte heirs, donating a piece of property in Tuburan, Ligao City. The lot will be used for the expansion of the Josefina Belmonte Duran Memorial District Hospital. "This is to extend health services to the people, especially in the third district of Albay," Belmonte stressed.

Melanie Valenciano, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Families get land

LEGAZPI CITY—At least 16,524.69 hectares of public land were distributed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources V to 10,801 families in the Bicol region. DENR regional executive director Oscar Hamada said the distribution is part of President Macapagal-Arroyo's program to distribute 100,000 hectares of land to the poor nationwide. The DENR has also implemented livelihood projects to alleviate poverty through the Community Based Forest Management Program and Coastal and Marine Management Program in different parts of the region, Hamada said.

Melanie Valenciano, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

NPA commander nabbed

LEGAZPI CITY—Police have captured the assistant commander of the New People's Army operating in Camarines Norte after allegedly trying to extort from a physician in Barangay Bagong Silang, Daet, Camarines Norte. Chief Supt. Enrique Galang Jr., Bicol police chief, said suspect Amado Patriarca of Marikina City was identified after a certain Dr. Amelia Paguirigan complained that he threatened her and tried to extort P1,500 from her. Patriarca, 30, reportedly used the aliases "Ka Ben Hur," "Ka Benjie," and "Ka Benin," to elude arrest in his earlier illegal activities. *Melanie Valenciano, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Wanted man arrested

SORSOGON CITY—Sorsogon police operatives arrested on Saturday Francisco Espijon, the 12th most wanted man in the province, a week after the arrest of Julito Loterte Jr., an alleged courier of Julito Leosala, the most wanted man in Sorsogon. Espijon was arrested in Sitio Cogon, Barangay Poblacion in Bacon town by virtue of a warrant of arrest issued by Judge Fred Jomina of the municipal trial court of Bacon. Sr. Supt. Arno de los Santos, Sorsogon police director, said they have turned Espijon over to the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology in this city.

Emir Gamis, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

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7 Caraga wood firms told to stop operations

BUTUAN CITY—Seven big wood processing firms in the Caraga Region have been told to temporarily cease operating after a team from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources central office reported that they were buying illegally cut logs.

Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez also ordered the Agusan Plywood Corp., Richmond Plywood, Philippine Softwood Products Inc., Ventura Plywood, Industrial Timber Corp., Emco Plywood Corp. and United Wood Industries, to explain why their licenses should not be revoked.

Benjamin Tumaliuan, DENR Caraga director, told the INQUIRER that the firms were given 72 hours until Friday to explain their alleged links to illegal logging activities.

Last week, a team from the DENR central office reported that it confiscated some P30 million worth of illegally cut logs along the Agusan River.

The team, in its report to Alvarez, contended that some of these illegally cut logs found its way to the seven wood processing firms.

But Tumaliuan said the DENR regional office has not received any report on the supposed illegal activity of the wood firms.

"As far as our office is concerned, the wood companies were not doing anything illegal. Of course, I am basing my position on reports from my field personnel," he said.

He said he was validating the reports from local DENR personnel.

"I have already formed a regional composite team and I already requested the central office to send personnel for the validation," he said.

Willy Dizon, manager of Richmond Plywood based here, said he was surprised when he received Alvarez's notice.

"We do not know the bases of their findings. We only deal with fully documented suppliers," he said.

Dizon said Richmond could never be involved in the processing of illegally cut logs because "we only mill plantation species such as falcata."

Richmond will be submitting its explanation to Alvarez, Dizon said.

"We have documents to support our claims that we are not into processing of illegally cut logs," Dizon said.

Alvarez also ordered the suspension of sale and procurement of locally cut timber, saying this was part of the move to curb illegal logging in the region.

He said the DENR would only approve the procurement of imported logs for use in wood processing and similar industries.

But an industry official said if they resorted to wood importation, prices of processed wood such as plywood would sharply increase. ***Franklin Caliguid with reports from Allan Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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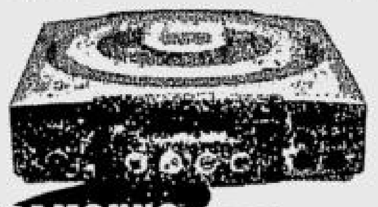

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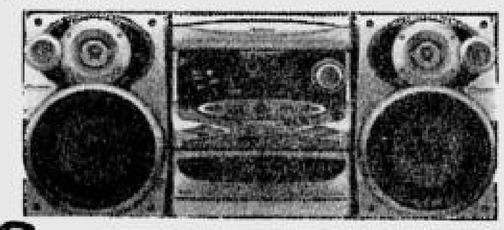

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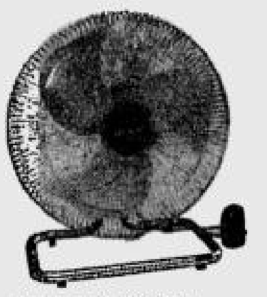

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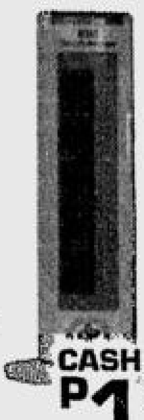

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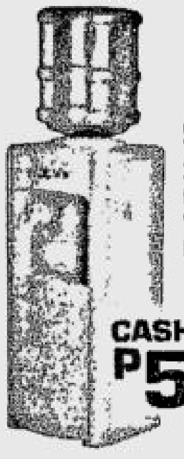

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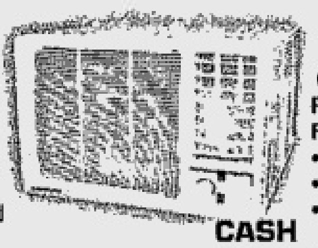

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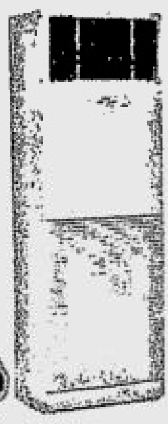

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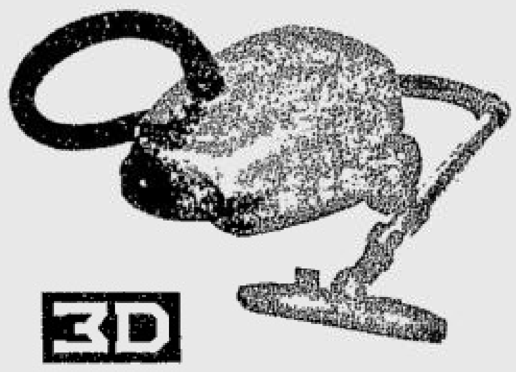

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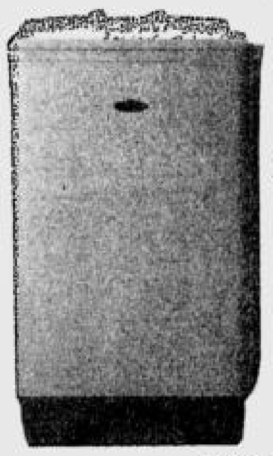

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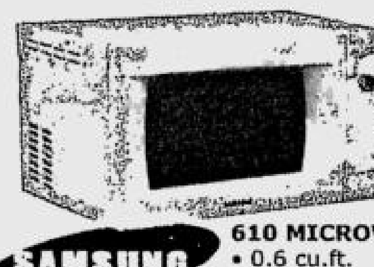

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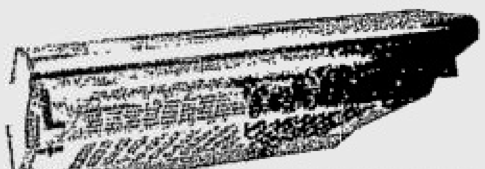

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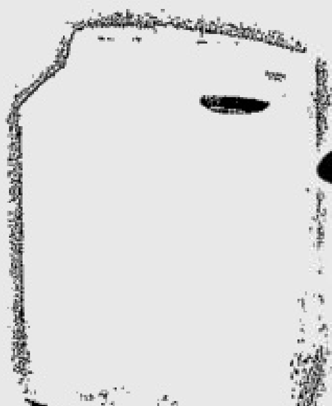

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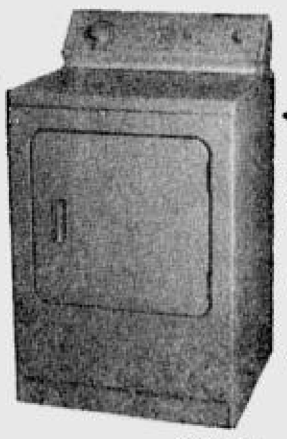

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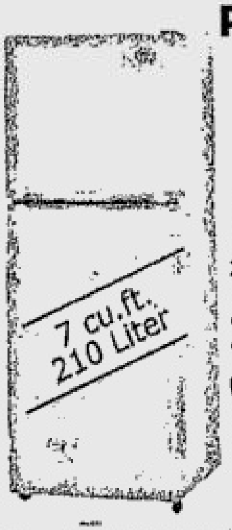

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More heads will roll in 'jueteng' drive—Lina

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Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable denied suggestions that Lina sacked the police officers as a preemptive move because the secretary himself was about to be fired.

"Secretary Lina acted on a matter of principle and not political expediency," Afable said.

Lina said the relief of the seven police officials had nothing to do with his political ambitions.

"It only indicates commitment to good governance on the part of the Macapagal administration," he said.

Senate President Franklin Drilon said the relief order was not punishment because Lina had every right to install order and discipline in the police organization.

Sen. Edgardo Angara said the war against illegal gambling should not be a "selective undertaking" but should cover all regions in the country and other illegal numbers game such as *masiao* and *loteng*.

Angara said that crackdown should also cover gambling lords and the protectors of the gambling lords even if some of them were "close friends of Malacañang."

Sen. Panfilo Lacson, speaking through his political adviser Lito Banayo, said he felt vindicated by the Napolcom decision but insisted that there was much housecleaning to be done in the PNP.

Lacson, a former PNP chief, is on official trip to Japan.

Banayo said that it was Lacson who first came up with the names of police officials involved in illegal gambling operations in a privileged speech he delivered last November.

Lacson urged Lina to conduct raids on illegal gambling activities in Central Luzon, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan, Cagayan Valley, Southern Tagalog and the Bicol region.

Banayo said Lacson had also called on Lina not to be swayed by attempts to inject intrigue in the secretary's attempt to rid the police force of inept members.

Motives

A controversial government witness against Lacson is claiming Lina ordered the relief of the police officials because he was expecting Lacson to head the Senate committee on peace and order.

"Those generals who were relieved have proven themselves a pain in the neck of Lacson," Mary Rose Ong told reporters.

She said that if Lina really wanted to clean up the organization, he should start from the top.

"If you have any evidence against these seven generals, you should come up with your evidence . . . You should also come up with evidence against your own brother . . . including his involvement in illegal drugs (and jueteng)," Ong said, apparently referring to Bert Lina.

Bert Lina, in a telephone interview, denied any wrongdoing.

"I'm (just) a businessman and I have nothing to do with what she's saying. I hope she can substantiate what she is saying," said Bert Lina, who is in the United States.

Deferred

Benjamin Abalos Sr., Commission on Elections chair, said the Comelec would "defer action" on Lina's request to relieve the police officials of their posts during the election period.

The Comelec has imposed a ban on the transfer of government officials due to the barangay elections scheduled for July 15.

Until the Department of Interior and Local Government submits the information required by the Comelec, the en banc would not sit to discuss Lina's request, according to Abalos.

He said the DILG or the Philippine National Police could not effect the reshuffle without authorization from the poll body because it would constitute an election offense.

Abalos said he wrote Lina asking what the PNP or the DILG would do with the seven police officers and who would replace them.

"There would be status quo for the meantime because the Comelec has not yet issued a clearance and (Comelec) chair Benjamin Abalos said he would like to be clarified on the replacements," Lina said.

Chief Supt. Avelino Razon Jr. did not wait for his relief orders to take effect. He tendered his letter of resignation as director of the Police Regional Office-Central Visayas (PRO-7).

He told the INQUIRER that his resignation would take effect once approved by PNP chief Leandro Mendoza.

Razon lamented that he had already been condemned and his 32-year career in the PNP destroyed even before any investigation could start.

"I would not mind being transferred but *bakit idawit pa iyong illegal gambling*," he said.

Razon said he would rather focus his attention now on clearing his name "not only for myself but for my family."

Razon's son

Razon said the controversy had already affected his 9-year-old son. "I have to clear my name. I owe it to my son and to my family," he said.

Berroya, Central Luzon police director, said he would not leave his post. "I will only go when the relief comes in a proper manner," he told the INQUIRER on the telephone.

He said he was awaiting Napolcom's reply to his letter of explanation. The letter, according to him, decried the lack of due process while explaining his office's "accomplishments" in the campaign against illegal gambling.

A report here said 1,480 raids have been conducted since July last year, when Berroya assumed the Central Luzon police post.

Berroya said illegal gambling and jueteng specifically could only be eradicated through "comprehensive and long-range interventions like substitute livelihood."

In Central Luzon alone, about 100,000 people are directly employed in jueteng. Most are collectors who earn less than 15 percent from bets.

In Camp Olivas, junior officials are asking why Lina spared regional directors in the Ilocos, Cagayan Valley and Bicol regions while jueteng operations there were "also rampant."

Reyes, Southern Tagalog Police Regional Office chief, admitted the existence of illegal numbers games in the region, notably in the Calabarzon area.

But he declined to identify the suspected gambling lords in the area.

"At this time, we don't have enough evidence to pin them down and that could withstand the scrutiny of the court. Besides, any operation against them in the future would be jeopardized should we divulge their identities," Reyes told the INQUIRER.

In the House of Representatives, Akbayan Rep. Loretta Ann Rosales and Bayan Muna Rep. Crispin Beltran expressed relief over the sacking of the seven police officials.

"Considering that the administration of former President Estrada collapsed because he tolerated jueteng operations, Lina's move is a welcome change that must be widely supported by the public," Rosales said in a statement.

Rosales said Lina's decision "reflects a radical policy shift uncommon to conventional bureaucratic practice."

Malacañang also came to the defense of Lina.

"He (Lina) acted within his authority," Afable said.

Afable said Ms Macapagal "has kept off this controversy and she will continue to leave it" to the Napolcom and the PNP. ***Reports from Leila Salaveria, Cynthia D. Balana, Carlito Pablo, Martin P. Marfil and Blanche S. Rivera in Manila; Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk; Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; Connie E. Fernandez and Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau***

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GMA flip-flops on Guingona

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Both Cruz and Afable denied knowledge of why the President's letter was prepared in the first place.

Cruz evaded questions on whether Guingona had sought an apology and was given one.

"The President wants Secretary Guingona to be in the DFA," Cruz said. "The President has full confidence in Secretary Guingona."

Afable, however, admitted that the President indeed signed the June 26 letter, "but it was not meant to be sent."

Cruz said the meeting between the country's top two officials was "cordial and congenial." But he evaded questions on whether Guingona wondered why the President signed the letter.

Cruz said Guingona requested Ms Macapagal to direct the Office of the Press Secretary "to be careful next time."

Afable said the President admonished him and Cruz "to be more circumspect next time, and we intend to do that."

'Very clear'

Afable was briefing the media on the President's acceptance of Guingona's resignation when word came in that the Vice President denied having quit.

"I cannot comment on that unless I heard it myself, but the letter of the President stands," Afable said. "She says—it is very clear here—that after their talk it was very clear in her mind that he was leaving his post."

Guingona denied to reporters that he had spoken with the President to hint that he wanted to quit.

"I am not going to resign today. I am not going to resign, period," he said rather curtly when asked about Malacañang's announcement that he had resigned and the President had accepted. He said he had phoned Romulo regarding Afable's announcement.

"I ... asked him what this is all about. He said that he was going to call Secretary Afable ... to say it's wrong," the Vice President said. "It's not a correct statement."

Asked about the possibility that he was sacked, he said: "The test of the pudding is in the eating."

Earlier in the day, Afable said the President and Guingona talked about the matter either Wednesday or Tuesday night.

Guingona supposedly resigned verbally and did not write an official letter.

"He is leaving his post," Afable said, adding that this was the reason the President wrote the acceptance letter.

Afable even noted that Guingona's resignation, though verbal in nature, came as a "surprise" to the Palace.

As for who would be the next foreign secretary, he said: "I'm sure a search is going on as to who would be a suitable replacement."

Afable denied that there was a falling out between the President and Guingona particularly over the presence of US troops in the country.

"I do not think so," he said. "Even in the tenor and the substance of the President's letter, it is very clear that this is a cordial letter that gives due recognition and acknowledgment of the contributions of Secretary Guingona."

'OK'

But the Vice President still went through the paces as secretary of foreign affairs.

"I'm OK," a beaming Guingona told reporters at the DFA yesterday afternoon. "Before, I said, 'I accuse.' Now, I say, 'I deny.'"

He was referring to his privilege speech "I Accuse" when he was still a senator.

The speech detailed the supposed links of then President Joseph Estrada to illegal gambling and started the legislative inquiry into the "jueteng" payoffs.

Guingona also said Presidential Adviser for Political Affairs Jose Rufino phoned him at noon to say that the President wanted him to represent her at a big Filipino community meeting in San Francisco on Aug. 30.

He said he had asked Rufino in what capacity he would go to San Francisco considering the reports that he had quit the top foreign affairs post.

"(Rufino) told me that I am being sent there as vice president and secretary of foreign affairs," he said.

Guingona also said he did not feel betrayed, but added that he was waiting for the President's call regarding the apparent miscue.

"I cannot speak for the President and I cannot speak for Secretary Afable. That's not my job. I can only speak for myself," he said.

Differences

In her letter, the President cited the "honest differences of opinion" over which, she said, "the things that unite us (should) prevail."

"The things that unite us are based on our common stand in the fight for freedom that led to Edsa I, our united struggle for better governance that led to Edsa II, our common friendship since the days of my dad," she said.

"When you brought to me your reservations about (the RP-US joint military exercise) Balikatan in Basilan, I asked you to craft the Terms of Reference. You did. And looking back, the exercises there were a success," she said.

Guingona had publicly opposed the US military presence in the country.

"And though I feel that in your mind positions in government are secondary to national interest, please keep an open mind to areas where you can be of further service to the nation," the President said in her letter.

She said Guingona had "done a good job in the DFA."

"You are relinquishing the position of secretary of foreign affairs, and I join our people, especially those who follow your dedication to duty, in saying that we express gratitude for a job well done," she said.

The President also commended Guingona for his initiatives in helping bring about a diplomatic solution to the six-country dispute over the Spratlys Islands in the South China Sea, and for his programs to benefit overseas Filipino workers.

But acting DFA spokesperson Petronila Garcia told reporters: "As far as we are concerned, there is no resignation and there is no acceptance.

"We didn't receive that letter. It was even addressed to the PICC building at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Complex in Pasay City. Why was it not addressed here at the DFA, where Guingona holds office?"

Real reason

Afable had refused to "speculate" on the real reason behind Guingona's supposed resignation.

But the Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya, one of the groups opposed to US military presence in the country, said the supposed plan to remove Guingona from the DFA was meant to please US military officials who disliked him for his anti-Balikatan statements in the past.

"Whether the Palace denies it or not, that's the truth behind this roller coaster deployment and fast-track shifting of government positions among the President's men," said Pamalakaya chair Fernando Hicap.

"Though VP Guingona on some occasions has agreed to US policies on Balikatan, the US still does not trust him for his anti-US past." ***With a report from Gerald G. Lacuarta***

'Sacking' sends rumor mill into overdrive

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Angara said two of his colleagues in the opposition had been offered Cabinet posts—Sen. Vicente Sotto as secretary of the Department of Tourism or the Department of Interior and Local Government, and Sen. Blas Ople for the foreign affairs portfolio.

Angara did not say who made the offers but said these—along with the alleged offer of campaign funds to two other members of the opposition bloc for the 2004 elections—were an effort to break up their coalition in the Senate.

He said the four opposition senators did not bite.

When sought for comment, Senate President Franklin Drilon said he had no knowledge of the supposed offers.

Cruz

Other quarters are saying that Housing Secretary Michael Defensor is lobbying for the permanent appointment as executive secretary of Avelino Cruz, the President's legal counsel

Cruz is serving as acting executive secretary while Romulo is recuperating.

Ironically, Defensor himself is the subject of speculations that he is also on the way out. But sources close to him said he was neither leaving the Cabinet nor lobbying for Cruz's permanent appointment as "Little President."

More than a week ago, the grapevine was buzzing with speculations that Finance Secretary Jose Camacho would replace Romulo. But sources close to Romulo also denied this.

There are also talks that Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon may be named the new secretary of foreign affairs, largely because of his pro-American bias. Some quarters are saying that former Tourism Undersecretary Mina Gabor will take Gordon's place at the DOT.

Guingona and the President have earlier clashed on the issue of the US military presence in the country.

Ople

For the last several days, there were speculations that Malacañang might tap Sen. Blas Ople to replace Guingona.

According to sources, taking Ople into the Cabinet will help resolve the current impasse in the Senate and give the administration bloc numerical advantage over the opposition.

Since the President accepted Pantaleon Alvarez's resignation letter dated June 10 and announced June 13, speculations have largely centered on the yet unconfirmed Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez.

The talk is that Guingona may be designated as Alvarez's replacement at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

As it is, Ms Macapagal has offered Guingona the post of presidential adviser for foreign affairs.

Guingona and Alvarez are the president and secretary general, respectively, of the ruling Lakas-NUCD, which the President now chairs.

Defeat

Angara said at the press conference that the administration had assured Senators Robert Jaworski and Rodolfo Biazon slots in the administration ticket when they seek reelection in 2004.

"But that is an assured slot for defeat," Angara said. "You see, it's really pitiful. Did you see (television footage of) the arrival of Sen. Ramon Revilla? Look at the guy. He is already in ill health, and did you see the telephone being handed to him?"

Revilla, of the administration coalition, recently arrived from the United States where he underwent spinal surgery. He was recuperating in California when the Senate opposition bloc moved to unseat Drilon.

Angara said the "massive efforts at breaking up the opposition in the Senate are anti-democratic and anti-good government."

"Are they afraid that a blue ribbon (committee) in the hands of the opposition will not only be inconvenient but will also cause problems for them? Is it not, in the end, good for our people?" he said.

Angara said he had also heard of an offer being made to Sen. Gregorio Honasan but that he had yet to confirm this with the latter.

Honasan earlier said several offers were also made to him in exchange for his joining the administration coalition. He said he ignored the offers.

Saying that he was calling "a spade a dirty spade," Angara bewailed the administration's supposed attempts to entice members of the opposition to jump ship.

He said such a policy would be dangerous because it could lead to the collapse of the opposition in Congress.

Angara called on the administration to support the opposition's bills instead of dangling juicy posts to its members.

He said that a shift in the Senate leadership would ensure the passage of quality legislation, and that the blue ribbon committee would now be more active in investigating official corruption in the government.

He also said committee reports would have more depth and substance.

Cup runneth . . .

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yesterday of President Macapagal-Arroyo's husband Jose Miguel Arroyo.

But a solicitation campaign employed by the police allegedly for the First Gentleman's Cup is raising questions about the use of funds for the tournament at the Wack Wack Golf Club in Mandaluyong City.

Opposition Rep. Rozanno Rufino Biazon assailed the use of the Philippine National Police in soliciting donors for the golf tournament.

In a phone interview, Biazon said that Muntinlupa City policemen were soliciting donation from him for the tournament.

He said he did not give any donation as he found it "inappropriate" for the police to do the solicitation.

Biazon said policemen could have approached gambling and drug lords and subtly extort from legitimate businessmen.

Proceeds from the golf tournament will go to various projects like the President's emergency employment program, according to Malacañang.

It was not clear whether the First Gentleman knew that policemen were soliciting funds for the tournament.

On his birthday, he wished for unity for the country. "I hope our country is unified so we can move on forward," he said.

"*Sana wala nang oposisyon at administrasyon at lahat magsama-sama* (I hope opposition and administration parties cease to exist so that we can unite)," Arroyo told Palace reporters whom he treated to snacks at the press briefing room in Kalayaan Hall.

He said the country should emulate the United States. "Their sense of nationalism is strong," Arroyo said.

The First Couple spent their morning at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club where they led the tee-off ceremonies.

After snacks with reporters in Malacañang, Arroyo was scheduled to go to the official residence of Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin to donate P1 million from the golf tournament's proceeds.

The money will help defray expenses for Pope John Paul II's visit to Manila in January 2003.

"I don't know yet," Arroyo said when asked what was the President's gift for him. He said she and the President were set to have a private dinner during which he was expected to receive a gift from her.

Muntinlupa police

Biazon said top PNP officials gave the solicitation letters to the Muntinlupa police.

"Solicitation letters signed by Antonio Cabangon-Chua, John K.C. Ng and Jimmy Tang were given to the Muntinlupa City Police with sponsorship and donor packages ranging from P10,000 to P10 million," Biazon said in a statement.

"What did they expect the PNP to do? Get sponsorship packages themselves or use their positions as law enforcers to convince businessmen, legitimate or illegitimate, to donate to the First Gentleman's fund raiser?" the congressman said.

Biazon said the golf tournament was to benefit Project Oyster (Out of School Youth Serving Toward Economic Recovery), which is being spearheaded by the PNP.

The project is "designed to uplift the economic conditions of out-of-school youth and raise their peace and order awareness," said Biazon. This was according to the solicitation letters.

While he lauded the project, Biazon said it was inappropriate for policemen to solicit funds because they were law enforcers.

"(T)hey should be insulated from those willing to pay just to get these policemen indebted to them," Biazon said.

He reminded the PNP of a guideline prohibiting policemen from soliciting for their own fund raising projects.

Lt. Apura: 'A dutiful son . . .

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the Distinguished Conduct Star, the Armed Forces' second highest combat award.

Yesterday, as dawn was breaking over Patikul town in Sulu, Apura was killed when his company clashed with at least a hundred Abu Sayyaf bandits. He was three months shy of his 27th birthday.

His father, M/Sgt. Jenny Apura, who is assigned in Iloilo, received the news over the telephone. "An officer called me here in Iloilo," he said in Filipino. "I'm very angry."

He traveled to San Mateo, Rizal, yesterday to break the news to his wife.

"Our whole family is in a state of shock," Carmela Joy Apura, the slain officer's first cousin, told the Inquirer. "We can't tell her mother yet because she has a heart problem. We waited for her husband last night to deliver the sad news."

The elder Apura is flying to Sulu today to fetch his son's remains.

PMA graduate

A member of Kalasag-Diwa, the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1997, Apura dreamed for the longest time of entering the PMA. "He always wanted to enter the PMA," cousin Carmela said. "We were hoping he won't be assigned in Mindanao, but he really wanted to go there. He said that if it's our time to die, then it's our time to die."

He graduated from the Marikina High School and studied at the Central College of the Philippines for two years before joining the PMA.

It took him two tries and two more years, but he finally made it to the prestigious military school.

"He took the exam before but he didn't make the quota," his father recalled. "I told him to enroll in college first, for two years. Then he took the exam again. He passed."

He graduated in March 1997 with the physical education plaque, making him one of the top graduates. The plaque is given to the cadet who has the highest grade in all courses offered by the Department of Physical Education.

JJ's classmates said he was "a very kind and responsible friend to almost all of his mistahs."

"*Masyadong matapang 'yan pero mabait* (He was brave but kind)," 1Lt. Lawrence San Juan told the Inquirer.

"We were assigned together in Basilan in 1998 and we stayed there for two and a half years. He was the platoon leader and executive officer of the 11th Special Forces Company then and I was with the 10th SR Company," San Juan said.

"In fact, he was one of my best mistahs. He was also best man at my wedding last year . . . the lone bachelor among those Scout Rangers who joined in the training in Camp Tecson after our graduation," he said.

"Out of 171 trainees, JJ was Top 6 in the Scout Ranger Course batch 132-97," San Juan added.

Another PMA classmate said Apura was a big brother to his mistahs.

"Personally, JJ was very responsible. He made for good company and he treated all of his mistahs as his brother. If help was needed, he always helped, even though he had his own problems . . . said 1Lt. Rex Bolo, who is with the 1st Scout Ranger Regiment in Camp Tecson, Bulacan.

Eldest son

Apura was the eldest child of a brood of six. Aside from his parents, he is survived by siblings Jenmer, Michelle, Jonjon, Jina and Toto.

In announcing his death, Maj. Gen. Ernesto Carolina, chief of the Southern Command, noted that Apura also helped his parents send his siblings to school.

"*Nagpapaaral ng mga kapatid 'yan,*" Carolina said.

His own father described him as a "very responsible and a kind son."

"He was kind. He liked being with friends, but he chooses his friends well," Seargent Apura said. "Very responsible."

Born on Sept. 23, 1975, Jessie has been often described as a dutiful son. "*Mabait siyang anak. Tinutulungan niya talaga ang family niya financially* (He was a good son. He was really helping his family financially)," Carmela said.

AFP public information office chief Lt. Col. Danilo Servando said Apura's superiors thought of him highly.

"Whenever his superiors wanted something done, especially problematic ones, he was always chosen to lead the unit because he can deliver," Servando said.

Apura was still single when he died. ***With a report from Gobleth Moulic, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

Scout Rangers battle 100 Abus . . .

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past several days.

Carolina said the "combined forces" of Sahiron and Janjalani, numbering between 100 to 150 men, clashed with government troops at around 5 a.m.

After a fierce 30-minute exchange of gunfire in a forested mountain area, the bandits retreated. But troops are pursuing them, he said, adding that some bandits may have been killed or wounded.

Col. Romeo Tolentino said an undetermined number of Abu Sayyaf fighters were killed and their bodies were seen being dragged away by their comrades.

"Because of their (bandits') number, we could easily monitor and trail their movement," he said. "We have an eye in the sky. It's helping us know the movement of this large armed group," he said, referring to American surveillance planes deployed as part of the Balikatan military exercises.

Yesterday morning, two MG520 attack helicopters repeatedly flew over the capital town of Jolo on their way to Barangay Sinumaan in Patikul, the site of the gun battle.

Apura, a graduate of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1997, commanded the 9th Special Forces Company of the 2nd Scout Ranger Battalion.

Those wounded were S/Sgt. Ramile Tom, Sgt. Jaime Garillo and Pfcs. Roderick Manalang, Nelson Rabi, Jhun Cuayme and Jhun Baligad.

Carolina said the six were immediately brought to Camp Navarro General Hospital inside Southcom headquarters in Zamboanga City.

An eighth soldier, Cpl. Arnel Matading, was reported missing.

Operation Daylight

In Camp Aguinaldo, Mechor Rosales, spokesperson for the anti-Abu Sayyaf operations, said the encounter occurred around 5:15 a.m. when troops from the 2nd Scout Ranger Battalion scouring the area were fired upon.

"The operations are part of Operation Daylight, which has now shifted to Sulu and Basilan, in line with the presidential instructions to focus the AFP operations on the hunt for the top ASG leaders to include Janjalani and to account for everyone of them," Rosales said in a press briefing.

He said pursuit operations were now being conducted by members of the 104th Brigade and the Scout Ranger Battalion, with the help of helicopter gunships.

Carolina said the military had been keeping track of the leaders of the Abu Sayyaf factions in Basilan and Sulu.

"We've been tracking them, we've been having encounters in the past and we call it intelligence build-up," Carolina said.

US technical support, according to Carolina, includes the use of spy planes and numerous satellite points that have been established in Zamboanga City and Basilan.

"They (US forces) don't have to go to Sulu. Besides, based on the Terms of Reference, they are only allowed in Zamboanga City and Basilan. The US troops don't have to be there (Sulu)," he added.

But Carolina said US troops could still step on Sulu soil during an operation if there would be an "emergency humanitarian casualty evacuation."

Barangay Sinumaan is a perfect hiding place for the Abu Sayyaf. Its mountain, Bud Sinumaan, has several caves. Patikul is about 12 km southeast of the capital town of Jolo.

This is not the first time that Janjalani has joined Sahiron's group. Two years ago, to evade pursuing troops in Basilan, Janjalani and his spokesperson, Aldam Tilao alias Abu Sabaya, also went to Patikul. Sahiron leads another faction of the Abu Sayyaf, based in Jolo, which was responsible for the abduction of 20 foreigners and Filipinos from the Sipadan resort in Malaysia in 2000.

Most of the hostages were freed after hefty ransoms were reportedly paid. ***With reports from AP, AFP***

Stars seek repeat over Vols tonight

By Roy Luarca

GAMES TODAY (Olongapo Convention Center)
3:30 p.m.—Batangas vs Pangasinan
6:30 p.m.—Pampanga vs Olongapo

THE PAMPANGA Stars' appetite for winning is back. They hope to keep it when they visit the Gilbey's Olongapo Volunteers at 6:30 tonight in the MBA National Conference at the Olongapo Convention Center.

The Stars will aim to duplicate their 105-91 rout of the Volunteers on June 17 that handed them their second straight victory after an inaugural 106-104 defeat to the Osaka Pangasinan Waves.

Vincent John Santos, a prized find from the University of the Assumption, is again expected to carry the fight for the Stars who are now being mentored by Allan Trinidad after Ato Agustin opted to be a full-time player again.

Philam tennis on

PHILAM Homes Tennis Club in Quezon City hosts the second leg of the adidas Tennis Challenge 2002 starting June 29-30.

Featured events in the adidas netfest organized by the Children's Tennis Workshop and supported by Milo and Sports Kids with sanction from Philta are the junior men's and women's 21-under and the boys' and girls' 16-under, 14-under, 12-under and the unisex 10-under divisions.

Deadline for registration is set tomorrow at 7 a.m. at the Philam Homes Tennis Club with the draw and tournament proper following immediately.

RACING TIPS

At San Lazaro
By Mr. 999

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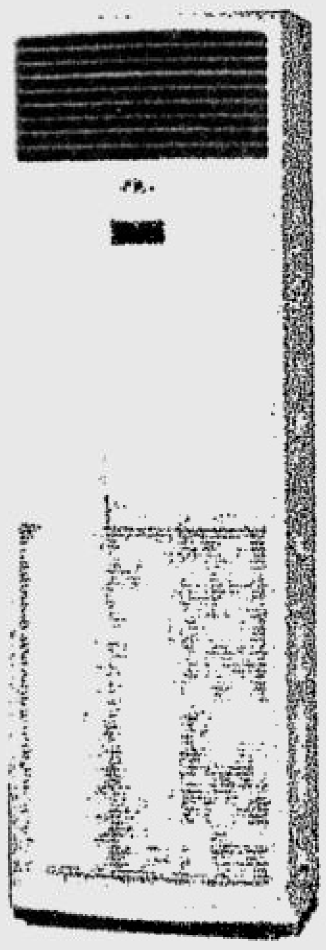

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WIMBLEDON SHOCKERS

Agassi, Sampras, Safin ousted

WIMBLEDON, England —Pete Sampras sat, elbows on knees and head bowed, digesting the disappointment while his opponent walked off to an extended standing ovation.

Two hours later, Andre Agassi stood impatiently, racket bag in hand, watching his opponent acknowledge the cheering crowd by bowing to all corners of the stadium - the very same gesture Agassi has used for years.

Winners, losers and fans alike were stunned at Wimbledon on Wednesday. Sampras and Agassi - polar opposites in persona and style of play, owners of a combined 20 major titles, rivals of a bygone era - were upset in the second round.

"You're going to have a match like this once every 10 years. And it happened today," Sampras said. "It's going to be a tough flight home, a tough next couple weeks, just knowing that this is going on, and I'm not here."

He was sluggish, betrayed by his serve and backhand and blinked first in the fifth set to lose to 145th-ranked George Bastl 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4 on tiny Court 2 - the "Graveyard of Champions."

Sampras tried to "keep positive" during changeovers by, oddly enough, unfolding and reading a note written by his wife, actress Bridgette Wilson.

On Centre Court, 1992 champion and career Grand Slam holder Agassi was outbashed from the baseline by 67th-ranked Paradorn Srichaphan 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Going in, No. 3-seeded Agassi and No. 6 Sampras were a combined 104-16 at Wimbledon. Their conquerors' total record here was 3-4.

The vanquished promised to return.

Adding to the upside-down feel on a day with a record attendance of 42,457: No. 2 Marat Safin also was beaten by a player ranked outside the top 50, Olivier Rochus, who's 11 inches (28 centimeters) shorter than the 2000 U.S. Open champion.

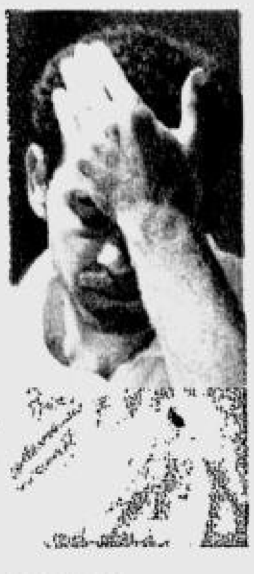
"Tennis is more or less equal. Any player can beat any player," Safin said after his 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (1) humbling. "The people, they can play tennis. Short, long, big, fat, whatever."

Indeed. For the first time in the Open era, five of the top eight men lost before Wimbledon's third round - and No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt and No. 4 Tim Henman still have to play their second-round matches Thursday.

Agassi and Sampras, pros since the 1980s and now in their 30s, never had lost so early in the same major other than at the French Open, where it's happened twice.

With them gone, the only past Wimbledon champ in the draw is 1996 winner Richard Krajicek. Playing just his third match in more than 1 1-2 years because of right elbow surgery, he outlasted 29th-seeded James Blake 11-9 in the fifth set with the help of 32 aces.

Krajicek next faces Srichaphan. *AP*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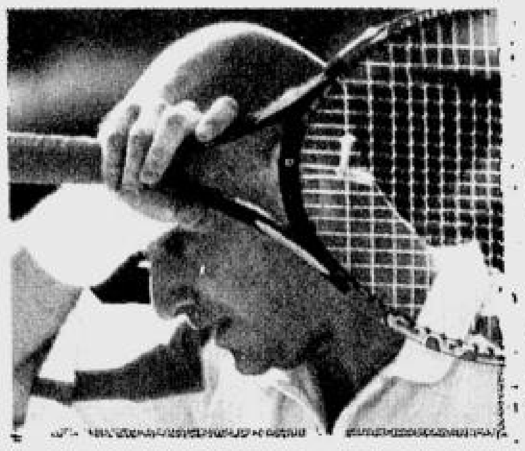
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Rosales siblings making waves

By Jong Arcano

JENNY Rosales seems to have regained her confidence with her elder brother Gerald carrying the bag.

The two are hoping to make the most out of their borrowed time. The US Open, set to begin two weeks from now, is their prime target.

Last week, Jenny posted her best finish in more than a year by tying for fifth in the $1.2 million LPGA Rochester International won by Australian Karrie Webb in New York.

The strong weekend finish gave Jenny no less than $38,000 (about P1.9 million) and made a big jump to 56th from a lowly 84th in the Order of Merit. Rosales has winnings of $74,542 so far.

The other Filipino in the LPGA Tour, Dorothy Delasin, is on No. 37 with $105,798.

Rosales is entered in this week's Shoprite LPGA Classic at the Marriot Seaview Resort in New Jersey, Atlantic City and Gerald should again play a big factor in her quest for a first-ever LPGA victory.

It was the other way around when Gerald, finding time to be with his sister as the Asian Tour won't resume till late July, won the Philippine Open at Riviera in 2000 with Jenny doing the caddy chores.

"They're having fun working together and I think it's helping Jenny a lot mentally," said their common coach Bong Lopez, who is hoping to join both in the US Open in Kansas. "They can make adjustments together because we're following the same principles anyway."

SPORTSWATCH

Senate golf today

THE PLDT-Manila Jaycee Senate Golf Reunion kicks off today at the Manila Golf Club. This was learned from MJS president Pros Madamba who said that 40 to 50 golfers are expected to join the event. The tournament is sponsored by PLDT, Cats Motors, Philippine Sports Commission and Hapee Toothpaste. Hole sponsors are Ramon Roco Insurance, Alexander Forbes Philippines, Magic Fry Cooking Oil, Manificat, Uni-Form Packing and Trading Corp., Cargo-Air Freight Forwarders Inc. Torres Brandy and Wines, Gino Baltao, JBLS Painters, Fernando Vitug II Construction, Tactical Mix Communication Services and Gema Coco Foods Corp.

Eric to watch World Cup

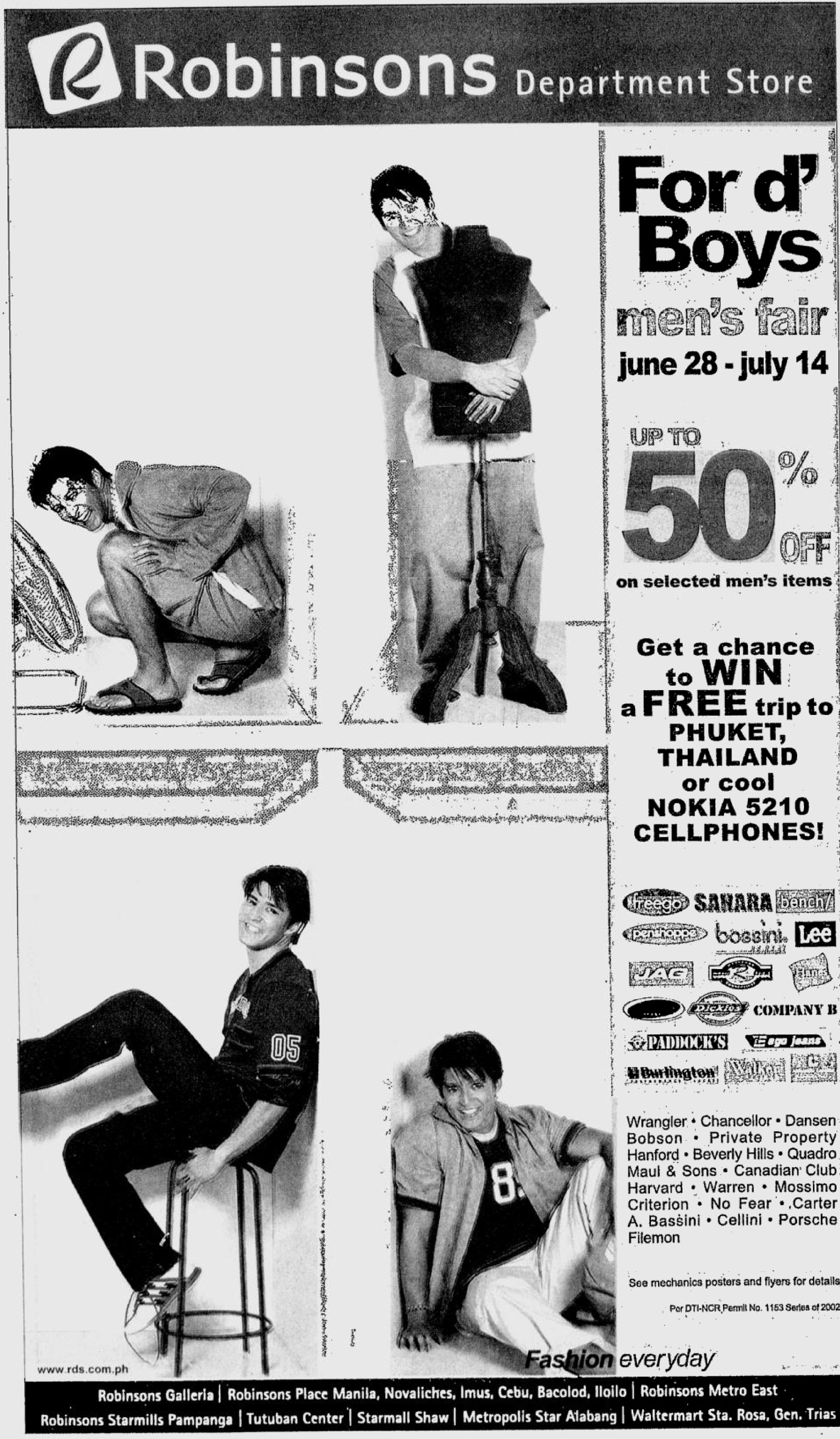
THE FOOTBALL bug has bitten the country's top sports officials. Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain, along with his commissioners, will watch the World Cup Finals between Germany and Brazil live on big projector screens on Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Streetlife Bar in Makati City. Buhain said the experience of Korea, which became the first Asian country to reach the World Cup semifinals, encouraged the PSC and the Philippine Football Federation "to developprofessional football in the country." *MAR*

Family 'Futbol' in Alabang

REAL Deportivo Garcia takes on Freddy Gonzalez-Botillion HR family team in a much-anticipated match of Family Futbol at 7 p.m. today in Nomads in Alabang. The top-seeded Garcias, who will be without skipper Monchu, will parade a team made up of tested 'Futboleros' like Awie, Nacho, Wackie and star striker Leo. On the other side of the field, Kaya star Christopher Hagedorn is expected to take charge for the HRs and will be supported by Semil, Carlos Reyes and Phillip Hagedorn, who will be playing together for the first time. Billed as "Family Futbols Challenge Of The Month," the exciting encounter will likewise highlight the prowess of RDG's Leo and HR's Freddy Gonzalez, who are considered football wonderboys. They are both fleet-footed strikers and are on top of their game.

Air Force chess tilt

THE PHILIPPINE Air Force Chess Club will host the CG-PAF Cup active chess tournament on July 4-5 at the Social Hall of the Villamor Golf Club. Sanctioned by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines, the event will coincide with the 55th anniversary of the Philippine Air Force. The tournament is open to all active and retired AFP and PNP personnel. Opening ceremony will be at 8 a.m. while the awarding rites will be held at 5 p.m. the following day.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GOLF: PGA Canon Greater Hartford Open Highlights at 9 a.m. (r) on St Sports

Archers bag 5 medals in China

CHONGZHOU, China—Filipino recurve and compound archers did the country proud by bagging five medals, including one gold, in the recent 2nd Asian Grand Prix here.

Raul Ramon Arambulo, a stalwart of IPK-2 club, emerged as the best performer by winning the compound individual silver and sparkling his team to a bronze in the Olympic Round.

Arambulo tallied 1303 points to nip China's Rening Guan by one in the Fita round and tallied 103 points in the individual event. He led Gen. Jose Marlowe Pedregosa and Adam Jimenez to the team bronze.

Christian Cubilla, Marvin Cordero, Arnold Rojas and Florante Matan took the silver in the men's recurve team Olympic Round. The Filipinos beat Mongolia, 235-231, in the quarterfinals and India, 237-235, in the semifinals. But they lost to China I, 234-241, in their showdown for the gold.

The women's recurve team of Rachelle Anne Cabral, Jennifer Chan, Joann Tabanag and Purita Joy Marino snatched the bronze in the Olympic Round. The RP belles toppled Malaysia, 220-215, in the quarters and beat India, 238-231, in the bronze medal match.

Cubilla, Rojas and Tabanag surpassed the criteria set by the POC-PSC Task Force for the RP team to the Busan Asian Games. Cubilla and Rojas tallied 1271 and 1264 points to better the 1260 qualifying mark while Tabanag shot 1255 to finish five points above the standard.

Cubilla and Rojas had previously topped the mark in the 2002 national championships and the first qualifying tournament in Manila.

Nine teams competed in the Asian Grand Prix. These were the Philippines, China 1 and 2, India, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Iran, Mongolia and Saudi Arabia.

Pals rout Realtors for 3rd win

By June Navarro

TALK N Text banked on the heroics of import Gerald Honeycutt to thrash Sta. Lucia Realty, 83-71, last night for its third straight victory and the solo leadership in the PBA Samsung Commissioner's Cup at the Cuneta Astrodome.

Pounding relentlessly at both ends of the court, the Phone Pals relentlessly pounced on an out-of-sync Sta. Lucia for a league-leading 3-0 record.

Gerald Honeycutt posted his 10th double-double performance of the season as he came up with a game-high 30 points on top of 13 rebounds and seven assists.

The Realtors never got into the groove and failed to keep up with the Phone Pals' fast-paced game.

Stephen Howard typified Sta. Lucia's struggle as he missed point-blank shots and just could not do something right as the Realtors skidded to 1-1 along with Alaska, Purefoods and the Selecta-RP Team.

Unfortunately for the Realtors, Willie Farley played even worse, struggling on the field throughout and failed to shake off the Phone Pals' swarming defense.

The only Realtor who managed to turn in a decent game was sniper Paolo Mendoza. His twin triples in the closing minutes trimmed the gap, 67-73, but Honeycutt quickly defused the uprising with a string baskets.

TALK N TEXT 83—Honeycutt 30, Johnson 18, Telan 15, Demape 6, Pablo 4, Evans 3, Fran 2, Crisano 0, Camaso 0.

STA. LUCIA 71—Howard 23, Mendoza 14, Farley 11, Falcasantos 8, Orquillas 7, Aquino 6, Del Rosario 2, Francisco 0, Rodriguez 0, Ejercito 0.

Quarters: 25-13, 49-31, 65-51, 83-71

NBA RECORD
Yao Ming, China's 7-foot-5 star cager, was picked by the Houston Rockets yesterday to suit up for the next NBA basketball season. He became the first basketball player from outside the United States to be the No. 1 overall pick since the NBA's birth in 1949. AP

Samsung backs Nat'l Taekwondo

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE COUNTRY'S top taekwondo jins, who are being counted upon to win gold medals in the coming Asian Games, get to showcase their talents when they clash in the Samsung Best of the Best National Taekwondo Championship on July 15-21 at the Glorietta Activity Center.

Organized by the Philippine Taekwondo Association in cooperation with Samsung and IMG, the event will feature competitions in all weight categories for senior men's and senior women's (18 years old and above) and the junior men's and junior women's for 14- to 17-year-olds. There will also be a children's division for kids aged 13 and below.

PTA president Robert Aventajado and vice president Hong Sung Chon launched the tournament yesterday in a press conference also attended by Philippine Olympic Committee president Celso Dayrit and Samsung Philippines president and CEO Sang Youl Eom.

Also taking part in the event sponsored by Samsung, the world's leader in digital technology, are members of the Taekwondo Blackbelt Brotherhood and Sorority, an organization composed of the country's elite blackbelters.

The Junior and Grade School Elite Blackbelters, AFP-PNP Olympics gold medalists and other regional champions will also see action in the event which has lured at least 300 contestants.

The week-long competition will also have a demonstration and display of celebrity taerobics exhibition on July 20 where movie and TV personalities join the experts in demonstrating the new fitness regimen that combines the martial art and aerobics.

Olympian Monsour del Rosario will also conduct clinics from July 16-19 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on top of side events dubbed as Clash of the Titans. Also sponsoring the event are Accel Sports Gear and 103.5 K-Lite.

Samsung, which has been supporting Philippine sports for a long time, pledged to help promote taekwondo in the country and back up Team Philippines' quest for gold in the Asian Games in Busan on Sept. 29 to Oct. 14.

Ateneo's Villanueva feted tonight

POWER-PLAYING Enrico Villanueva of newly crowned champion Ateneo-Hapee-Negros Navigation leads the awardees in today's 2nd PBL Press Corps awards at the Scoop sa Kamayan, Padre Faura, Manila.

The 6-foot-5 Villanueva was the unanimous choice as regular and finals season MVP by sportswriters covering the league.

Completing the mythical five are Celino Cruz, Rich Alvarez (Ateneo), Marlon Legaspi (Blu Sun Power) and Kutitap's Allan Salangsang.

The awarding ceremonies with former PBL pillar and national team manager Elmer Yanga as guest of honor will start at 11 a.m.

Dennis U. Eroa

Brazil's samba drums back pounding

YOKOHAMA, Japan —The samb back, pounding outside Brazil's tra ar in a sea of green-and-yellow jersey io de Janeiro, banks and schools close on g days, and the girls from Ipanema sport b ai bras bearing the Brazilian flag.

After nearly failing to reach the World Cup, Brazil is back in the final against three-time winner Germany. Slowly, it's making believers out of disillusioned fans.

The sudden outpouring of support at home has lifted the team's morale, Brazil defender Roberto Carlos said.

"We see the images from back home and it means a lot, it motivates us even more," he said.

"Every game we see the people in the street commemorating," he added. "All Brazil is partying, and this is a source of pride for us."

And why not? The "Three R" attack of Ronaldo, Rivaldo and Ronaldinho is scoring goals in bunches and resuscitating the "beautiful game." The Brazilians have won all six of their games, outscored their opponents 16-3 and are now favored to win a record fifth Cup title.

After Ronaldo scored in the 49th minute of Wednesday's semifinal against Turkey to ive Brazil a 1-0 win, he dedicated his goal to the faithful.

"This goal is for me, for the Brazilian team and for the people who believed in me," he said. "I am sure the last game will bring more happiness for our people." *AP*

Buhain inexperience—Malonso

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

FORMER Philippine Olympic Committee president Col. Julian Malonso has written Foreign Affairs Secretary Teofisto Guingona to advise him that the recent request of Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain seeking the assistance of DFA personnel in the scouting of the country's rivals in the coming Busan Asian Games "may embarrass your office."

Scouting in sports is like spying in the government and even unethical, said Malonso, adding that the "chairman of the Philippine Sports Commission is inexperience." According to Malonso, Buhain, who is only in his early 30s, was appointed PSC chair mainly because he won several gold medals in the Southeast Asian Games. But the SEAG, stressed Malonso, is only for underdeveloped countries unlike the Asian Games where the competition is truly world-class.

Speaking of Malonso, the 77-year-old sports critique who once played basketball for UST during his younger years, also said some people have suggested that it would be a lot better if the Basketball Association of the Philippines handle the long delayed Hall of Fame induction ceremony to dispel persistent rumors that the project is being held only for political gains.

An Olympic purist, Malonso also said that International Olympic Committee rules are openly violated here. For example, there is a rule that non-Olympic and non-Asian Games sports association are not allowed to take part in the deliberation and vote on matters about the Olympics and Asian Games, much more be officials in the Philippine delegation. Yet this is happening. Malonso said Frank Elizalde, the IOC representative to the Philippines, does not know the rules of the IOC.

By the way, non-performing National Sports Associations like squash, yachting and rowing are holding key committee chairmanships in the POC and virtually imposing policies and guidelines on performing and productive NSAs. Where is fairness here? Isn't this a typical bata-bata system, scratch my back and I'll scratch yours?

"The rules are set aside to perpetuate themselves in their positions to be able to travel at the expense of the government, using PCSO and Pagcor funds," Malonso said.

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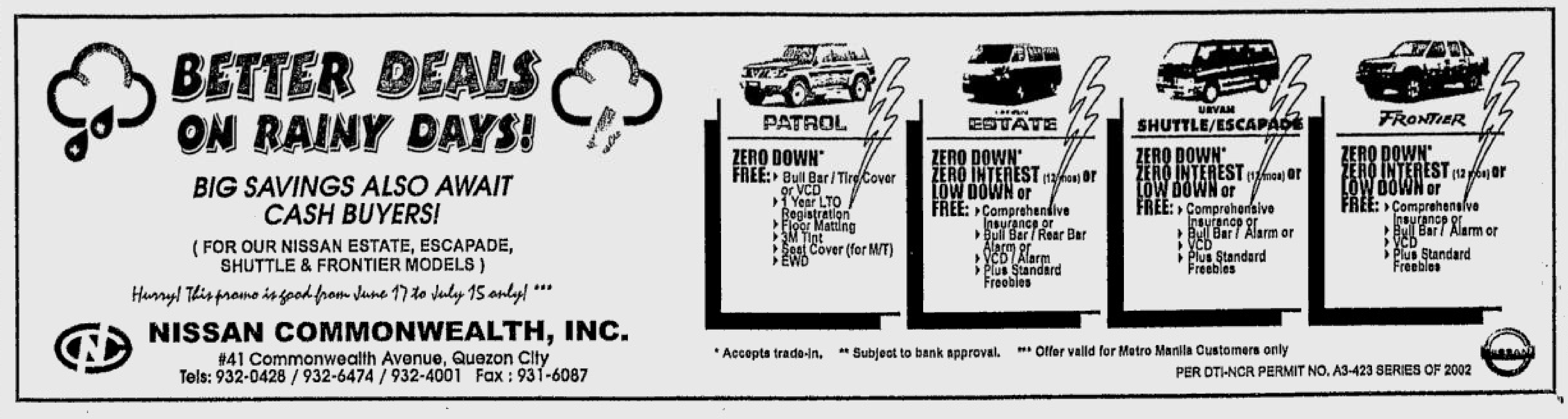

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Editor **Louie C. Camino**

Korina's ex-maid wants case sent to Malacañang /A27

ATIENZA

'Why us?'

By Philip C. Tubeza

MANILA mayor Lito Atienza yesterday said no amount of purges in the police hierarchy would help eradicate illegal gambling if control over the police is not returned to local executives.

Atienza, who is also president

WHY US/ A26

Danger!

By Agnes E. Donato

RADIOACTIVE materials stolen half a year ago from a facility in Valenzuela City are still missing, according to the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute.

Acting PNRI director Dr. Alamanda de la Rosa yesterday warned that the radioactive materials pose possible danger to people who get exposed to them. Long-term exposure to radiation can induce cancer, leukemia and cataract and can shorten the human life span, said Dr. De la Rosa.

But the radioactive materials—Iridium 192, Cesium 137 and Americium 241—will only be dangerous once they are removed from their container, a radiographic camera stolen from the De Vera Construction Corp. fabrication facility in Lawang Bato,

DANGER/ A27

Jancom insists deal is valid

By Leila Salaveria

THE CONTROVERSIAL garbage deal between the Metro Manila Development Authority and Jancom Environmental Corp. still stands as far as Jancom is concerned.

Jancom spokesperson Ricky Alegre yesterday said that as far as the firm is concerned, MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando's announcement that the council of Metro Manila mayors has agreed to recommend the junking of the contract is unofficial.

"We have a valid contract which the Supreme Court has upheld twice," Alegre said. "(Fernando's announcement) is unofficial as

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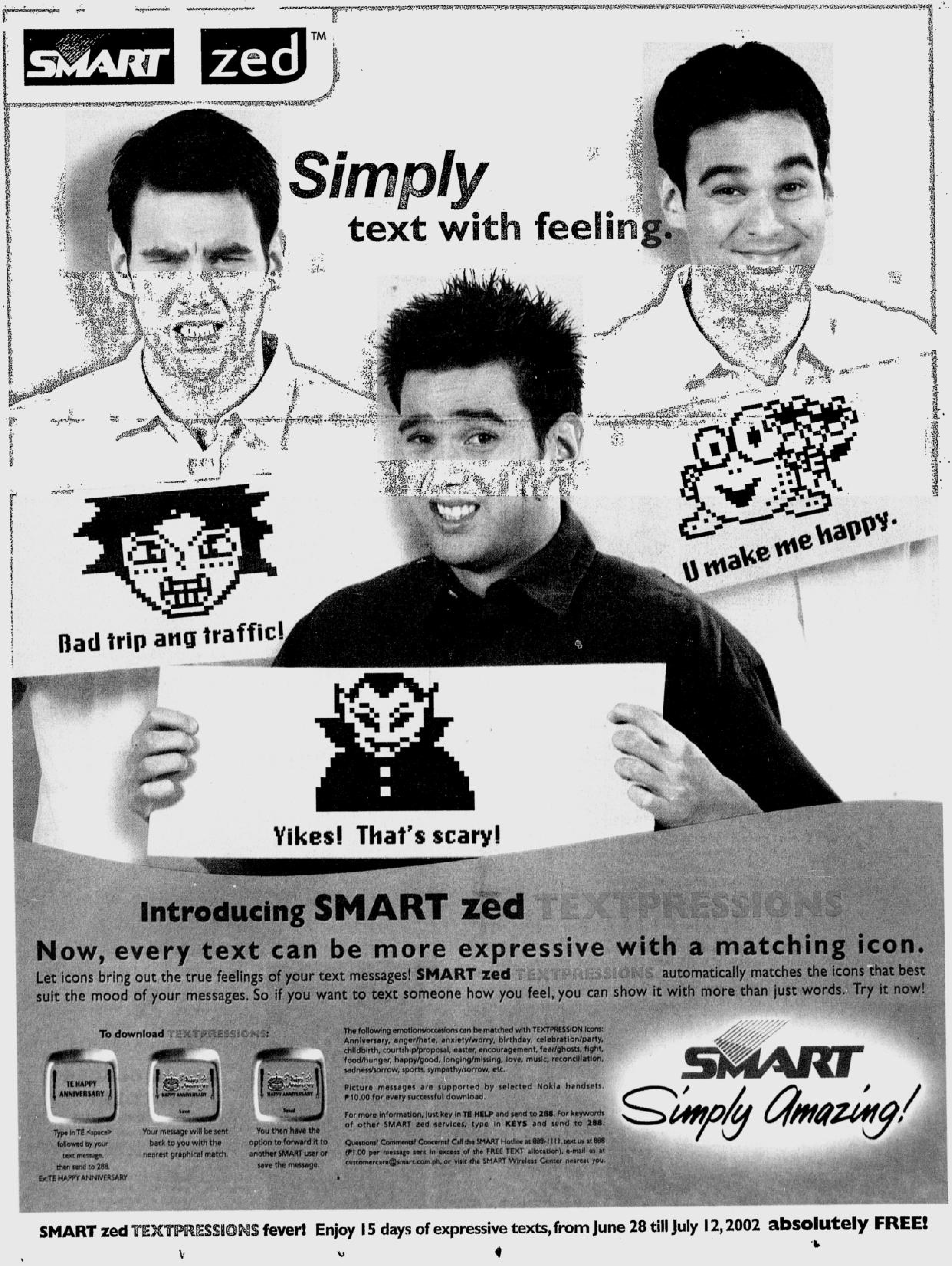

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'WIN-WIN SOLUTION'

Oil firms get 6 more months

By Philip C. Tubeza

MANILA Mayor Lito Atienza yesterday blinked in his position on the Pandacan oil depot.

With only three days before the supposed deadline for the three giant oil firms to get out of the depot, Atienza signed a memorandum of understanding with the oil companies, giving them six more months to operate in a reduced depot area.

According to the MOU, the oil firms agreed to immediately start decommissioning 28 fuel storage tanks with liquefied petroleum gas and aviation fuel "that are right beside the residential communities in Pandacan."

This means a "40 percent reduction in the oil depot's area of operation," Atienza said.

The oil depot currently has 58 to 60 oil tanks, he said.

The remaining oil tanks will be transferred to a smaller area of the depot while the oil firms construct a common "oil distribution facility."

The oil firms will also convert four to six hectares of the oil depot to a "safety buffer and green zone."

The buffer zone will be an open space between the common distribution facility and the communities around the depot. This area will be planted with trees, will be landscaped and will be open for public use.

Atienza said the MOU would be submitted to the city council for approval. The council might eventually amend the ordinance reclassifying the depot site from an industrial area into a commercial area, he said.

"This is not a 100 percent removal," he explained. "At this point we have to find a Solomonic decision where everybody wins.

"In the end, what prevailed was the consideration for the safety of the residents in the area and the welfare of the consumers," he said. "This may not be 100 percent satisfactory to us but it satisfies substantially the requirements of the law and the security and development needs of Pandacan and its residents.

"It is also a first step toward a lasting solution," he added.

"We have succeeded in reducing their area of operation," the mayor pointed out. "That's a good first step to a genuine permanent solution. The government bent a little bit backward to accommodate national interests and the public welfare."

Slain hostage's kin reject P220,000 from Pasay exec

CITY OF San Fernando—The parents of slain hostage Dexter Balala, 4, turned down a P220,000 settlement in exchange for dropping criminal charges against 21 Pasay City policemen involved in the botched rescue of their son last May 31.

"We're not dropping charges," said Balala's father Darius in Filipino. "We'll pursue the case to the end."

Darius said they have not filed an affidavit of desistance.

Dexter's mother, Salvacion, said on Wednesday here that she and her husband had rejected the settlement offers made twice last week. But they refused to identify who proposed the settlement.

Relatives of the Balalas, however, pointed at Florencio Mateo as the one who made the offer. Mateo's calling card identified him as an executive assistant, officer-in-charge of the Pasay Traffic and Parking Bureau, and head of Task Force Verification.

One relative said Mateo identified himself as a Pasay City councilor.

"I told them that even if those policemen lost their jobs, they could still look for employment elsewhere," said Mrs. Balala. "And their families are still intact. In our case, we lost our son. They could never bring him back."

Mr. Balala said they only want justice. "That's the only thing we want for our boy," he said in an interview at the Balala home in Barangay Quebiawan here.

Sources said Mateo saw the Balala couple on Thursday last week at the city hall of San Fernando. He was said to be with a police general, identified only by his last name, Gil.

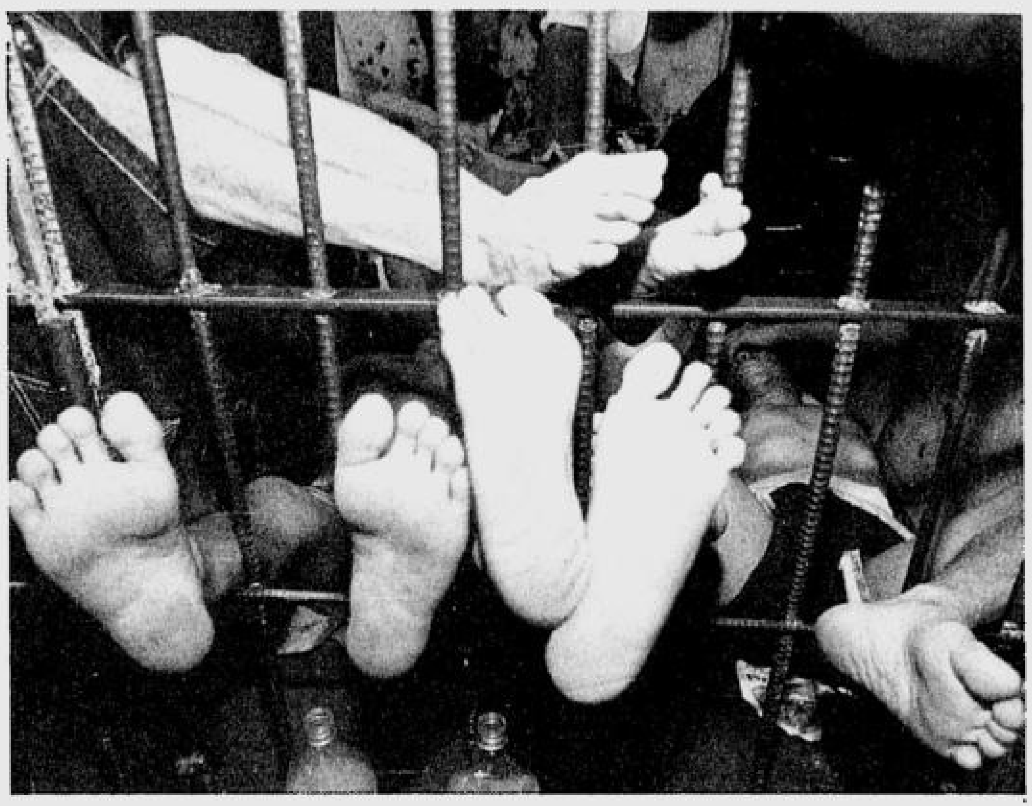
Mateo next saw the couple in a Pasay City court where they appeared in reply to a subpoena, the sources added.

Mr. Balala said they called Chief Supt. Edgar Aglipay, National Capital Region police director, on Tuesday for advice. Aglipay had preferred that the couple decide on what best action to take, he said.

The Balalas also clarified that they have not received the P5 million that Congress reportedly promised to them as assistance. A national television network reported this promise of assistance, Mr. Balala said.

"That report about the P5 million has scandalized us," he said. "Our neighbors think we made money from our son's death, which is not true.

"All we want is justice for our Dexter," his wife said. ***Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***



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For lack of space, 18 inmates are packed in a tiny cell that is meant to accommodate only 8 in Station 10 of the Central Police District in Quezon City. The detainees have to take turns in using the floor for sleeping. The cell includes the toilet.

'Why us?"

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of the Metro Manila Mayors League, made the statement after Interior Secretary Jose Lina said the Manila mayor and other local officials should also explain the continued presence of illegal gambling operations in their areas.

Atienza said it was unfair to hold mayors responsible since they do not have the power to hire and fire policemen. The mayors could not be held responsible since they do not have control over the police, he added.

"They should give back the control (over police) to the mayors," he said. "Otherwise, we will be going around in circles. The system is not effective."

While Atienza lauded Lina for his anti-illegal gambling campaign, he said it was "unfair" to hold mayors responsible since they do not have the power to hire and fire policemen.

"It is a basic concept in management that to have effective control and supervision, you must have the power to hire and fire," Atienza said. "Otherwise, the control and supervision that you have is just consuelo de bobo.

"They were the ones who appointed and then removed these officers," he said. "Then all of a sudden the mayors are held responsible."

The key to solving illegal gambling and peace and order problems "is direct accountability," Atienza said.

"We in Manila are very tough on illegal gambling but we are not as effective because we cannot discipline the police. We do not even have control over the lowest ranking policeman on foot patrol or directing traffic.

"Tong collection goes all the way up but you cannot do much about it because you do not control the police," he said. "You can recommend their relief but you cannot fire them."

He said fears that mayors might use the police as private armies are unfounded.

"There is the National Police Commission that can step in and relieve erring police officers if the mayor refuses to discipline them," he said. "The Civil Service Commission can disapprove the appointment of anyone in the police force if he is not qualified.

"The Department of Interior and Local Government can discipline local officials if they misuse or abuse their power over the police and the media can expose abusive officials," he added.

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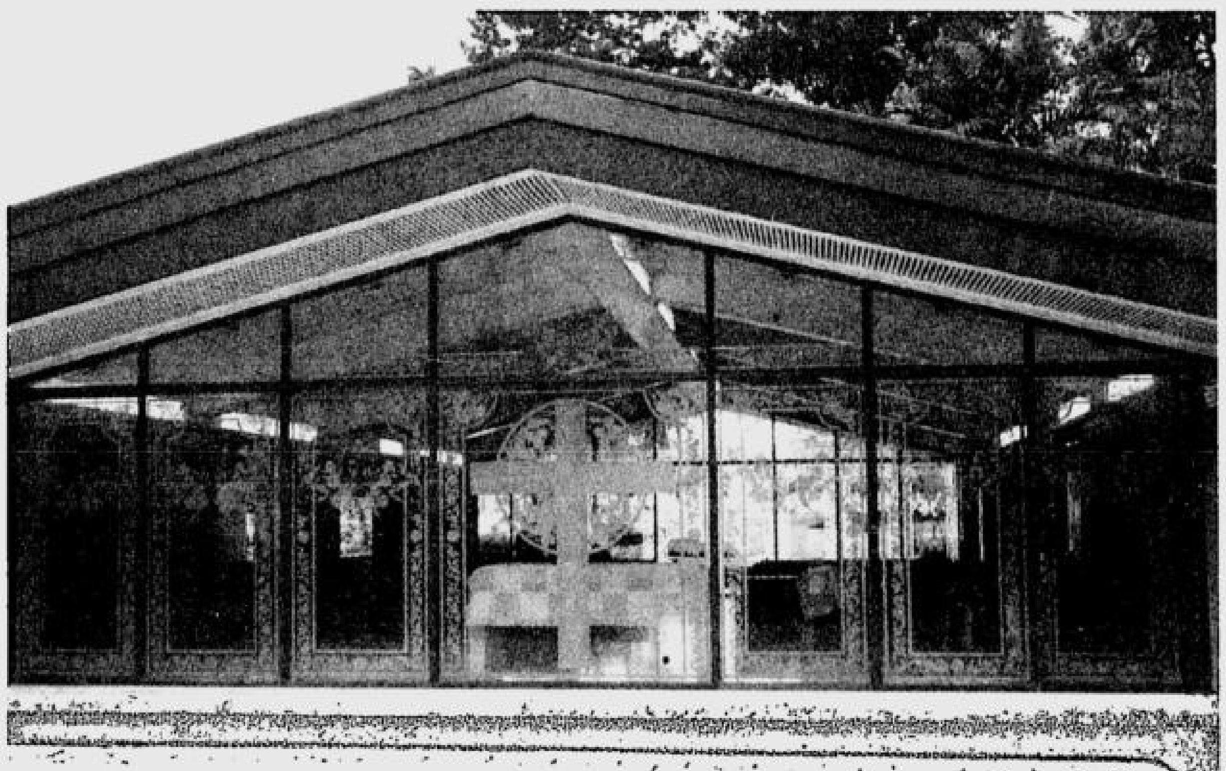

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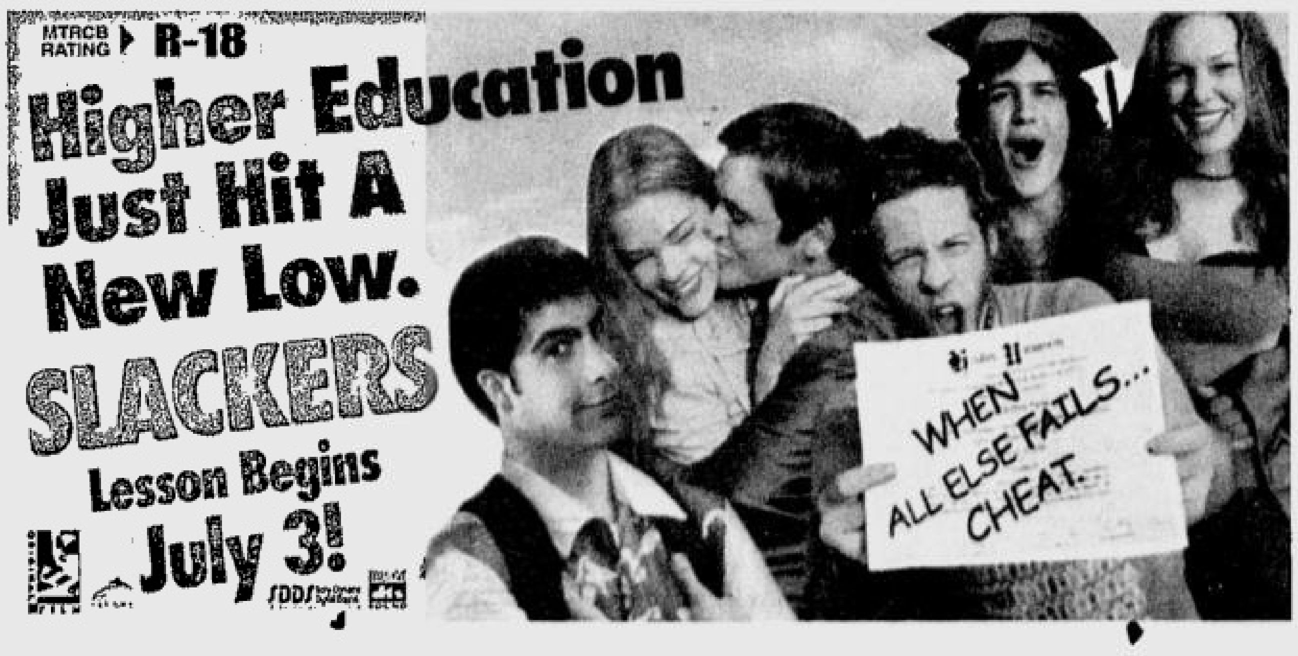
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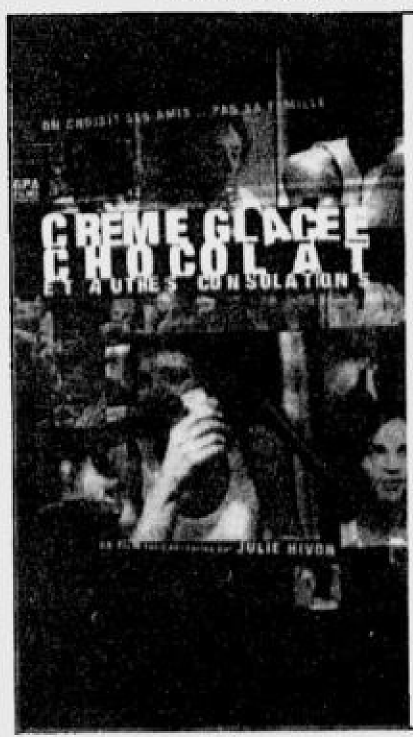
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Not enough

By Agnes E. Donato

TRANSPORT groups yesterday expressed dissatisfaction over the 35-centavo oil price cut made by big and small oil distributors.

The Philippine Confederation of Drivers Organizations-Alliance of Concerned Transport Operators said it would not withdraw its pending petition for a 50-centavo fare increase despite the decrease in crude prices.

PCDO-ACTO president Efren de Luna said the price cut was not enough to effect concrete benefits for the poor.

"The masses have little to gain from this decrease because it is not big enough to bring down the prices of basic commodities," he said.

He said his group feared that oil companies would implement much bigger price increases when crude prices in the world market go up again.

"Oil companies may lower their rates twice but they also implement oil price hikes twice afterward," De Luna added.

Medardo Roda, president of the Pinagkaisang Samahan ng mga Tsuper at Operator Nationwide (Piston), noted that oil companies have increased their prices by a total of P1.71 since last March.

But Roda stressed that his group would not follow PCDO-ACTO's lead in pushing for a fare increase as long as the total oil price increases do not reach two pesos.

Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board Chair Dante Lantin said the agency was still studying PCDO-ACTO's petition.

Korina's ex-maid wants case sent to Malacañang

By Leila Salaveria

SAYING she has lost faith in Justice Secretary Hernando Perez, the former maid of ABS-CBN broadcaster Korina Sanchez now wants her case out of DOJ and elevated to Malacañang.

Bernardita Inocencio, Sanchez's former maid, through her counsel, Melanio "Batas" Mauricio, yesterday submitted to the DOJ a motion asking Perez to forward Inocencio's cases against Sanchez to Malacañang. The lawyer cited Administrative Order No. 18, which prescribes that cases pending appeal to the DOJ can be elevated to the Office of the President.

"The complainant is now formally moving for the elevation of the records of these cases to the Office of the President, which should now decide the appeal here," the maid's motion said.

Inocencio had earlier asked Perez to inhibit himself from deciding on Inocencio's appeal because one of Sanchez's lawyers is Perez's son.

Inocencio had filed charges against Sanchez allegedly because the latter failed to remit her Social Security contributions and withheld her salary. The DOJ had dismissed the charges, but Inocencio had appealed them.

Mauricio said Inocencio wants her appeal elevated to Malacañang because she believes state prosecutors will not decide on it fairly.

"It's human nature for subordinates to want to please their superior," the lawyer said. "What do you think state prosecutors will do when they learn that the secretary's son is the lawyer in one of the cases?"

He said elevating the case to Malacañang is their only recourse in order to get an "independent" decision.

Miriam back to normal

EVERYTHING is back to normal at Miriam College which was hit by a two-day employees' strike shortly before the start of the new school year.

Classes began smoothly on June 17 after members of the school's Union for Non-Academic Personnel (Unap) called off their strike two days earlier in compliance with a return-to-work order issued by the Department of Labor and Employment, according to a statement from Miriam.

The labor-management dispute has been referred to the National Labor Relations Commission for compulsory arbitration.

The Unap members held a peaceful picket outside the school gates even as classes in the college level were already going on.

Miriam College said that prior to the strike, it offered a generous early retirement package to its non-academic personnel. A total of 107 employees availed themselves of the offer, but 13 union members belonging to the maintenance and janitorial services did not, the school said.

Management was left with no choice but to retrench them, Miriam said. The Unap strike was held in protest of the retrenchment.

Fraternity fellowship

THE ALPHA Phi Beta fraternity of the UP College of Law will have its monthly fellowship today at 6 p.m. at the Ilang-Ilang Room of Club Filipino in Greenhills, San Juan.

The fellowship will be hosted by Batch '73 members Mallillin, Ardie Obias, Rudy Arrieta, Mon Hugo, Glen Baroma, Gene Jacinto, Pete Tanchuling, Philip Dumlao and Syl Parado.

The fraternity's current lord chancellor, Manny Yngson, invites all members to attend the monthly fellowship and enjoy an evening of fun with their fraternity brothers.

Danger!

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Valenzuela in mid-December last year, De la Rosa said.

But only two of the radioactive materials could be harmful, she said, adding that Iridium loses half of its activity after 72 hours.

The radiographic camera is a Sentinel model 660B, and looks like a "wooden shoeshine box," according to De la Rosa. She said it measures 12 1/4 inches by 4 1/4 inches by 9 1/2 inches.

De la Rosa said similar cases of radioactive materials being lost abroad have reportedly caused injuries and even death to people who found and tampered with them.

The PNRI had licensed De Vera Corp. to use the equipment in examining metal castings or welds for internal flaws. The PNRI appealed to junkyard owners, scrap dealers and the public to help find the stolen device and report it to the PNRI office on Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City.

Jancom insists ...

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far as we're concerned."

He said Jancom wants to receive official word from the MMDA before the firm takes any action regarding the report that the garbage deal would be scrapped.

"A corporate entity like us deals with the institution regardless of who is heading it," Alegre said. That is why despite Fernando's announcement, Jancom says its contract still stands, he said.

Alegre said Jancom's last communication with the MMDA was with its former chair, Benjamin Abalos, who has since been appointed to the Commission on Elections. He said Abalos has asked the Department of Justice to give an opinion on whether the decision to downscale Jancom's operations is legal.

Alegre said Jancom had sent two letters to Fernando advising him of the ongoing negotiations, but that Fernando and Jancom officials have yet to meet and talk.

Fernando had announced on Wednesday that Metro Manila mayors would recommend the Malacañang the scrapping of the controversial deal. The MMDA chair also said he had received the green light to proceed with the project to transport Metro Manila's trash to Southern Luzon using railways.

Alegre said they were surprised with the mayors' decision. He said Jancom has had talks with several mayors and explained to them that Jancom is willing to use sanitary landfills instead of incinerators, and that it has even agreed to reduce its tipping fee to $19.

The Supreme Court has ruled that the contract is legal, even if it did not pass judgment on the contract's merit. President Macapagal-Arroyo had said she would not sign the Jancom contract, which she called "flawed."

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Big test for Jericho-Kristine tandem

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

FOR many months now, **Jericho Rosales** and **Kristine Hermosa** have been building up their love team on their TV soap, with the view in mind of eventually "graduating" to the movies.

Commendably, they have avoided the temptation to rush things, to aim for big-screen stardom before they were absolutely ready, even if Jericho has already had some successful screen outings.

Well, last June 26, they finally made their big-screen bid for stardom, both individually and as a love team, with the romantic comedy-drama, "Forevermore." Are they indeed ready? The fact that they're being handled by new director **John-D Lazatin** indicates that their studio, Star Cinema, thinks they are. Otherwise, a veteran megman would have been hired to whip them into shape.

In addition, quite contrary to usual practice, the two young leads are being made to do it alone, with no big star to lend their project some box-office insurance.

This is a bit of a risk, but it should work out because, if the film turns out to be a hit, all of the credit will go to its new stars. And, even if it isn't a big success, the "star-less" movie is a relatively low-budget production, so it should still end up comfortably in the black.

Of course, everyone (except the young leads' rivals) hopes that the film will become a certified hit. A plus factor in this regard is the project's youthful tone and visuals, which would make it appealing to the huge teen market.

These and other conjectures have to be tested, of course, and this week the "court of last resort" will finally have the definite word on the popularity of the Jericho-Kristine love team. And the verdict is? Your move, moviegoers!

For our part, we hope the film succeeds because the industry needs new stars and filmmakers to energize it and get it out of the rut it's in.

Also, we like the fact that "Forevermore" is a relatively low-budget but not quickie production. We believe that the future of local movies lies, not in a few hugely expensive hits, but in many modest but well-conceptualized and substantial films that are aimed at niche markets.

This will not only provide more jobs for our languishing film people, but will also open the industry up to smaller producers, more original filmmaking concepts, and more innovative talents—all of which the industry desperately needs if it is to solve its many overwhelming problems.

Of course, "Forevermore" may not turn out to be all that substantial, but it can be a start.

On the National Geographic Channel

FRIDAY, June 28 at 9 p.m., **"Tomasz Tomaszewski"** focuses on the works of one of the best still photographers in the world. Describing his style as "humanistic," he confesses that he was drawn to photography because of his inability to express himself through words.

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'LIFE, OR SOMETHING LIKE IT'

More like failure, or something like it

By Ruben M. Cruz Jr.

REVIEW

LANIE Kerrigan is a woman enjoying the perfect life.

She's got a glamorous job covering the sports beat for a Seattle news program. She has an opportunity to anchor a popular nationwide morning show in New York. She lives in a fancy apartment, dates a superstar baseball player, drives around in a classic Mercedes, and to top it all, she also looks like a bleached-blonde Angelina Jolie.

Everything in her life is working according to her five-year plan. Of course, we know right away that a monkey wrench will be thrown into this life of bliss. It's standard for feel-good films like this that purportedly want to impart important lessons in life.

With the title, "Life, or Something Like It," and a tagline that says "Destiny is what you make of it," one can surely expect life-changing lessons and serious introspection. We've seen it all before. "It's A Wonderful Life," "Groundhog Day," "Mr. Destiny," "The Family Man" are just a few that come to mind. We can never have enough of them because inherent in our human nature is the yearning for a meaningful life and the need to constantly search for answers, if not redemption.

Wake-up call

Lanie Kerrigan's wake-up call happens one day when she's asked to do a puff piece for her network. She interviews a homeless seer known to locals as Prophet Jack (portrayed as skillfully as always by Tony Shalhoub) and asks him to deliver his predictions live on camera.

He gives three: "Seahawks will win over the Broncos 19-13," "Tomorrow it's going to hail," and addressing Lanie, he says, "Next Thursday, you're going to die. I'm sorry."

Lanie thinks it's a practical joke set up by her grungy cameraman Pete (Edward Burns, "15 Minutes") with whom she shares a mutually antagonistic relationship. But after Prophet Jack's first two predictions come true, she suddenly has to contend with the imminence of her mortality.

The premise is certainly engaging. It's what had me going to see the film on its first day. The trailer had it all packaged as a nice treat. There's nothing that can prompt soul searching more than the prospect of death, nothing that can better send film characters groping for the path to self-awareness than a quirky twist of fate.

Lanie's voyage of self-discovery starts with a simple question:

What would you do if you know you'd be dead in a week? Suddenly she has to reevaluate everything that she once deemed precious. Suddenly, all the trappings of her so-called perfect life seemed superficial to her. Career, money and fairytale romance don't seem to matter much now.

Philosophy

Guided by Pete's pop philosophy (Sample: "The only person you have to impress is yourself"), she reevaluates her goals and does what she can to make her last week on earth meaningful.

It is during this supposedly meaning-filled week that the film suffers an absurdly painful breakdown. Instead of confronting the big issues head on and embracing Lanie's moral dilemmas, the film cops out by choosing a resolution that is so familiar and so syrupy that it doesn't deserve its witty title.

The answers we get to Lanie's "questions" are either absurd or simplistic.

What lessons can we infer from her experience? That success is to be shunned? That achievement in one's career is pointless? That it's better to just goof off from work, get yourself drunk, pig out on junk food and abandon any sense of personal hygiene than to pursue one's dream? Come on!

It sounds more like failure or something like it.

I can understand how one can make sacrifices in favor of romance or how one should live for today, but Lanie's sacrifices are devoid of logic. Moreover, they're insulting to every proactive woman on the planet. Why is it that the woman always has to be the one to make sacrifices? Real life is full of examples of women enjoying the best of their multi-faceted worlds.

A film with an ambitious premise like life could certainly have given us a less conventional and more profound exploration of the values that make life worth living.

Big ho-hum

Absurdly enough, Lanie's moment of tran–

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'Weakest Link' without Edu 'unthinkable'

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

A MALE officemate sounded irate after reading my column item about **Edu Manzano,** who was reportedly leaving "The Weakest Link" (June 26, 2002).

It was rumored that when Edu's game show contract with Viva TV expires end of July, he would be replaced by comedian **Allan K.**

My officemate says it is unthinkable to watch "The Weakest Link" with another host. He notes that Edu animates the show with his inimitable wit and sophistication. He says "The Weakest Link" has been so identified with Edu since it premiered on Philippine TV in October last year that a different host might only suffer from unfair comparisons.

"Edu can afford to taunt the contestants without being offensive," my officemate said. "I don't think any other host can be as brilliant as he is."

Perhaps most viewers and avid fans of "The Weakest Link" feel the same way.

Although Viva TV has sent Edu and his manager, **June Rufino**, a letter signifying the renewal of his contract, there is a chance Edu might not sign up anew for "The Weakest Link," according to a source who also reacted to my column item.

Edu and his manager are said to have drafted a new contract with certain provisions not included in the previous deal. Unless Viva TV grants the new provisions, Edu is ready to give up the show.

Edu is not asking for the moon, said the source, but he is ready to play hard ball with his TV producers without necessarily burning the bridges. The new provisions in his contract include *force majeure*, which he did not foresee before, like when fire gutted the Parañaque studio where the game show was being taped.

The taping lull of two and a half months forced Viva TV to air replays, but with full commercial load. However, it was no-work, no-pay for Edu, said the source. He was practically jobless but he couldn't do anything because he has a contract and he couldn't be released.

When GMA 7 also filed a temporary restraining order (TRO) against Viva TV for "The Weakest Link," Edu didn't also get any compensation, the source added. He signed up for 130 episodes of the game show, which was initially planned to air only three times a week. But he had to bite the bullet when Viva's Boss **Vic del Rosario** later decided to do "The Weakest Link" daily.

The show immediately became one of the two biggest moneymakers of IBC 13, the other one being "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire" hosted by **Christopher de Leon**.

I heard there are even advertisers who bank on Edu's popularity.

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Before Edu inked his contract for "The Weakest Link," ABS-CBN honcho **Freddie Garcia** reportedly made a counter offer for him to host a different game show in the network, with a salary three times higher than what he earns from his Viva TV deal. This was before **Kris Aquino** hosted "Game Ka Na Ba."

GMA 7, through former executive **Bobby Barreiro**, also offered Edu a hosting stint in a game show.

But Edu ignored the other lucrative offers and honored his word with Boss Vic. When "The Weakest Link" started airing daily, Edu also inevitably gave up his role in the ABS-CBN soap series, "Sa Puso Ko Iingatan Ka." Channel 2 executives were reportedly worried that the game show might compete directly with their primetime programs.

Edu has apparently sacrificed a lot to host "The Weakest Link" and Viva TV should consider his efforts. If not, then he can really say his final "Goodbye."

Show biz support

EVEN if there are people who frown on his recent appointment as chair of the Videogram Regulatory Board (VRB), action star **Bong Revilla Jr.** was supported by industry members during his oath-taking last Wednesday morning in Malacañang.

Present during the important event were Viva Films producer **Vic del Rosario** and son **Vincent**, directors **Marilou Diaz-Abaya, Laurice Guillen** and **Eddie Romero**, Film Academy of the Philippines director general **Espiridion Laxa**, and talent managers **Ethel Ramos, June Rufino, Girlie Rodis** and **Dolor Guevarra**.

Also present were film producers **Marichu Vera-Perez Maceda, William Lao** and **Violet Sevilla**, violinist **John Lesaca**, and actors **Joel Torre, Leo Martinez** and **Dino Guevarra**.

Bong's pretty wife, **Lani Mercado**, was with him when he took his oath before President **Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo**, but not one of their children was present.

Bong replaced **Lualhati Buenafe**, who was demoted to VRB vice chair and executive director.

Namesake

AFTER the ceremony, Bong was seen chatting with **Marilen Dinglasan**, the newly appointed chair of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB).

When I was introduced to the new censor's chief, she corrected the short article that I wrote about her in this section (June 23, 2002).

I wrote that before her appointment as MTRCB chair, Dinglasan was the passenger operations manager of Thai Airways-Asia Pacific. Dinglasan said the airline executive is her relative and namesake, **Marilen Crisostomo Dinglasan**.

"In our family, she is called 'Marilen Jutay' because she's small, while I am called 'Marilen Dako' because I'm big," she said.

The chief censor is **Marilen Ysmael Dinglasan**, elder sister of Peninsula Manila's marketing director **Rosary Ysmael**.

Dinglasan also served as vice chair of the VRB.

Streetlife, too

AFTER I wrote about the establishments which cashed in on the ongoing World Cup series by using it to lure customers (Showbiz Tidbits—June 26, 2002), I learned that Streetlife in Glorietta also airs the games live.

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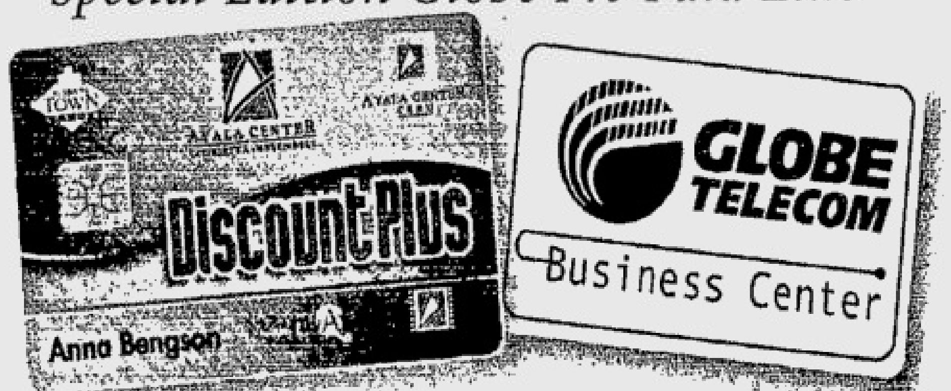

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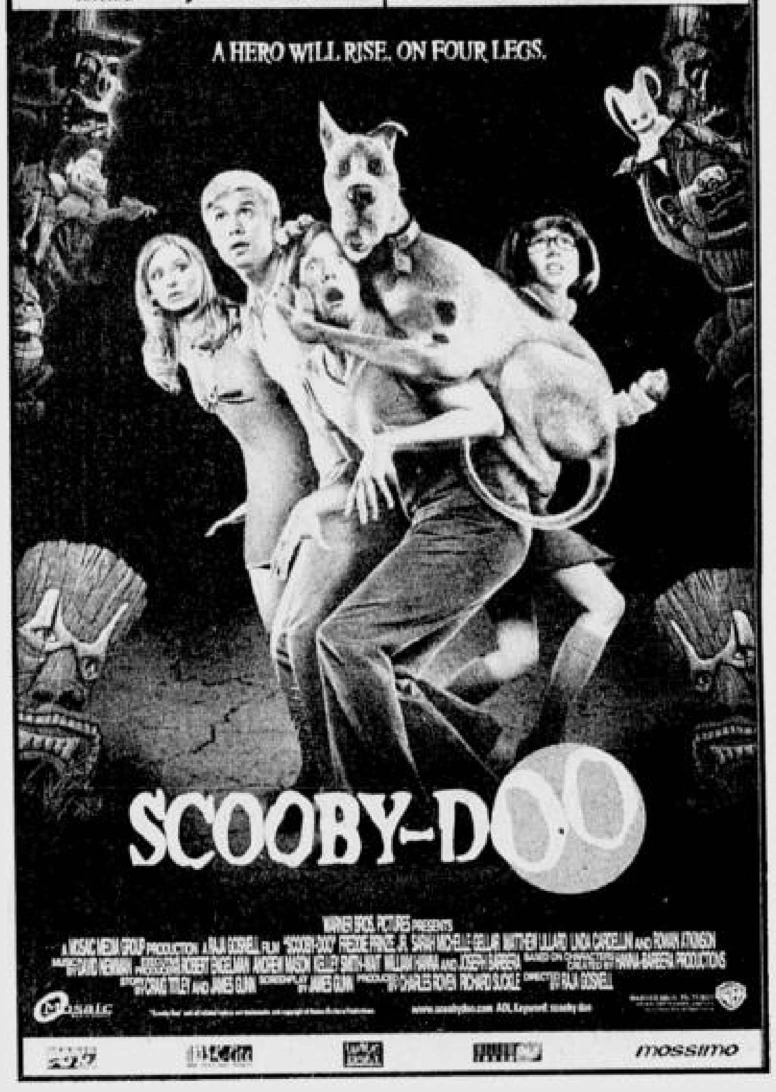
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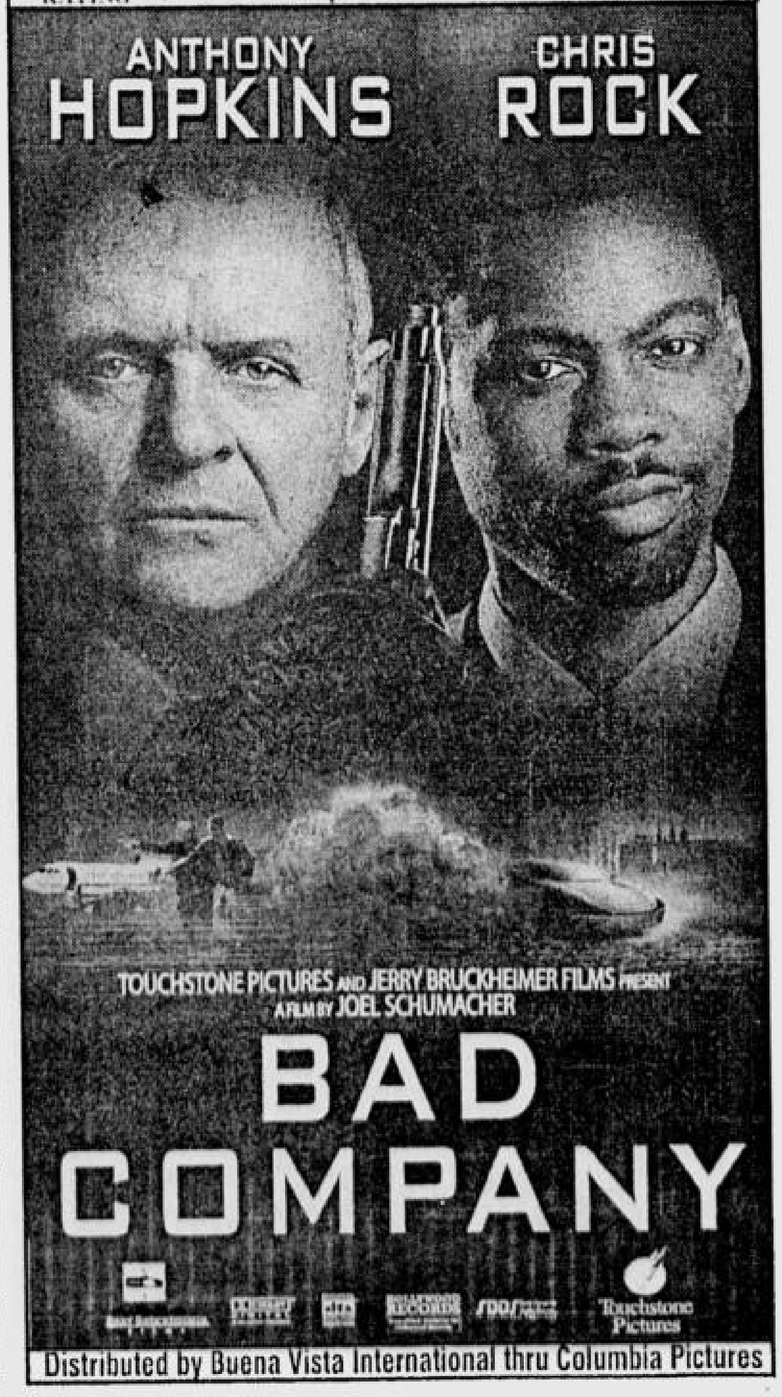
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LAV Diaz's five-hour opus, "Batang West Side," will be shown exclusively today (June 28), 3 p.m., at the UP Film Center, UP Diliman, QC.

"Batang West Side" won 10 Urian Awards, including best picture, director, actor (Joel Torre), and supporting performers (Gloria Diaz and Raul Arellano). The film also won the best picture award at the Singapore International Film Festival and the Netpac award at the Sinemanila International Film Festival. It will be shown at the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival in Czechoslovakia and the Asian-American Film Festival in New York next month.

"Batang West Side" is about a Filipino youth, played by Yul Servo in his film debut, who is shot dead along West Side Avenue in Jersey City. A Filipino-American investigator, played by Torre, takes an interest in the case and, in the process of his investigation, uncovers the story of the young man's life—his arrival in America, his stormy relationship with his mother, and his involvement in the drug-trade.

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scendence comes when she joins a transit workers' strike and rallies them to a rowdy rendition of the Rolling Stones "Satisfaction." The filmmakers would like us to believe the scene is stirring and funny.

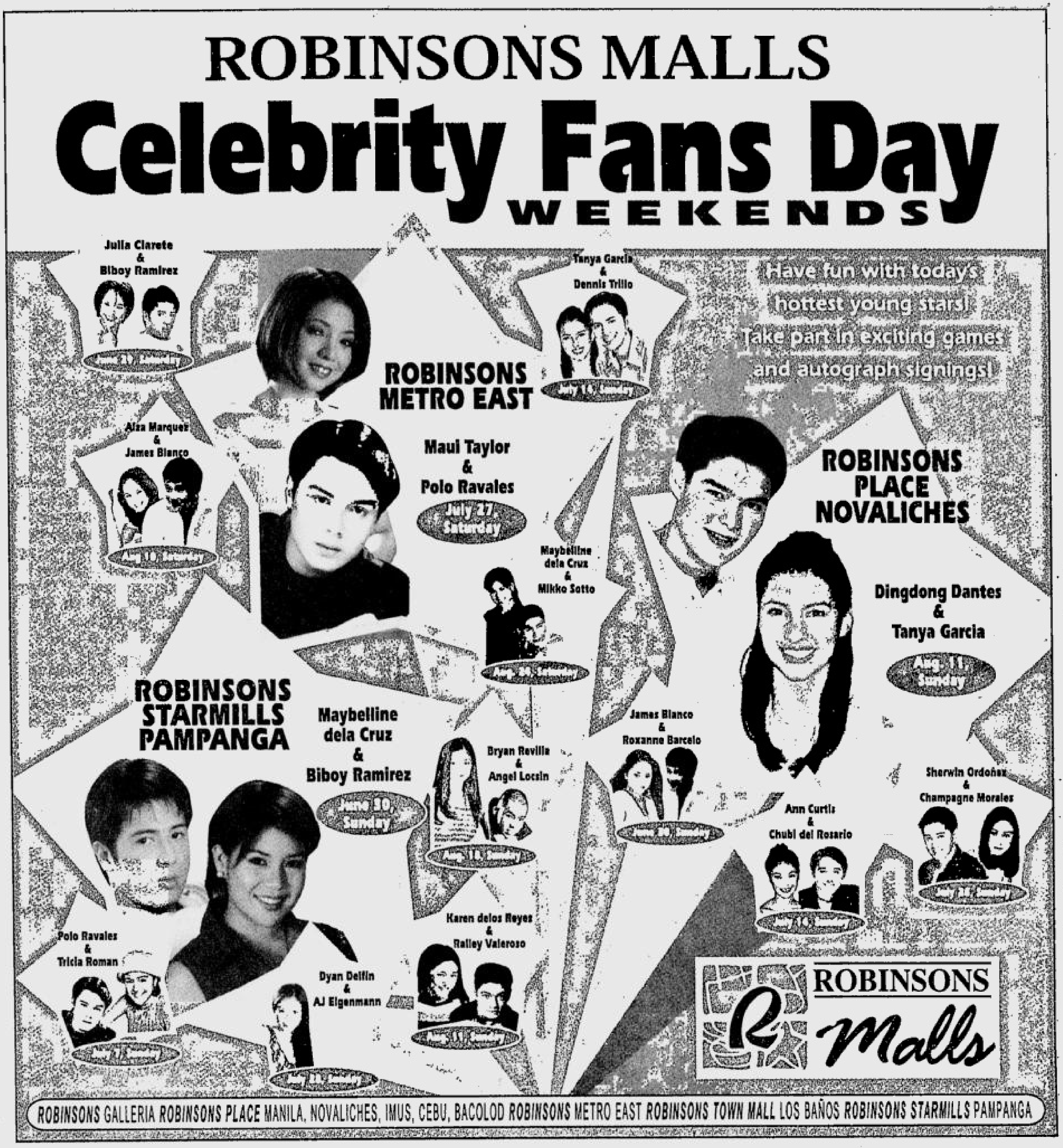
When Orlando Jones, Keanu Reeves and company grooved to the beat of Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive," that was stirring and funny. This one is a big ho-hum.

There is but one redeeming moment in this voyage of self discovery, when Lanie tries to reestablish her close ties with her sister and father, but these are one-scene-oases in the film's desert of mediocrity.

The script is awful. Edward Burns suffers the most casualties with a dialogue full of "define this" and "define that."

The writers (better left unmentioned) pull off a couple of surprises that are so contrived you're going to wonder if you've walked into another film with another theme (Sample: rent a kid, segue to happy day at the amusement park, back to moral dilemma).

Jolie passes the test as a comedic actress, especially since this is her first romantic comedy. She and Burns actually look good together on screen. With a better material, the pair could have really hit it off. But, hey, this is not life or something like it. This is Hollywood.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Losing half my vacation

KRIS AND TELL

Kris Aquino

I WAS excitedly planning a 17-day vacation, my first in two years, and I was practically memorizing the Aman brochures, either for one of their resorts (Amankila or Amanusa) in Bali, Indonesia or their Amanpuri resort with a newly opened spa in Phuket, Thailand.

My choice was to go to one of these places, most likely Phuket and take three to four days in Bangkok which I've never explored. But because of **Sharon Cuneta** and **Judy Ann Santos**' guest appearance on "The Buzz" where they shared their Bangkok Holy Week vacation photos, I've been itching to visit the city, tour the different temples and eat the delicious Thai food.

Then I was to meet up with my sinister sister **Boy Abunda** and some of our Buzz staff in Hong Kong. We had long promised them a travel treat to show our appreciation for all the hard work they put into our show, and the last week of July would be perfect since there would be mammoth sales in Hong Kong. Everything was a go and my doctor was delighted I was taking a vacation and my "Game KNB" executive producer had adjusted our taping schedule to give me enough advance episodes for the two and a half weeks I would be away.

That was until Monday night, when I got a call from my manager, **Deo Endrinal,** who also happens to be one of the heads of the creative team behind "Game KNB." He was still in a "Game KNB" production meeting and I was told that we're adding a new component to the game, a major new prize that requires re-configuring our set, and the introduction of new mechanics. We are entering our fourth season and in three months we'll be celebrating our first anniversary. We have to work on keeping things fresh.

To cut to the chase, from 17 days, my vacation has been cut in half to eight days and has been pushed back from the third to the last week of July. My three tapings for this week were packed up and I'll have to make up for them in the next few weeks.

The Aman resorts will have to wait, maybe until my birthday. I'm most likely just going to visit Bangkok and then meet up with my Buzz buddies. That is, unless there are further changes in my schedule.

My kind of work really requires a deep level of commitment and the willingness to hand over control of the schedule to meet the requirements of the show. Thank God I love what I do.

* * *

Remember I had written about wanting to have regular exercise? Boy and I are now enrolled in weekly tennis lessons with the brothers **Zoren** and **Kier Legaspi**. We start on the fourth of July.

I'm purposely writing about this so that Boy and I will be embarrassed to back out of our lessons and our attempts to get fit.

* * *

I read in my dear friend **Ricky Lo**'s column that I have a new expensive phone given by a "friend who won't be traveling with (me)."

Just to set the record straight, the phone came from Smart, a midnight edition of the new Nokia 8910. I made the Smart bosses *lambing* for new phones for me and Kuya **Dick (Paulate)** since our five-week stint hosting "Smart KNB" managed to meet their ratings and revenue expectations.

It's a great phone, very sleek, with a good signal and reception, and a big memory capacity.

Since we're on the topic of phones, special thanks to my *kumare*, *Manay* Gina de Venecia, for regularly reading this space, for all her sweet text messages and for her concern for my lovelife. She's a genuine sweetheart.

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Martin Nievera sent me a beautiful thank-you text message after he read my column extolling his virtues as a live concert performer. I meant every single superlative I used to describe Martin. And now I'm so heartened to share with you that Martin and I will be joining hands in conjunction with Gift Gate, of which we've both been long-time endorsers, to help a few kids' wishes come true.

Martin and I share the same passion for our work. We both wear our hearts on our sleeves, we both have trouble controlling our mouths, but we also share the same desire to not only make our viewers happy but to also do our part in putting our "fame" (okay, sometimes notoriety) to good use.

Pinikpikan goes to Subic

INTERNATIONALLY acclaimed Pinikpikan, the ethnic-inspired local musical ensemble, will headline the inauguration of Gerry's Grille on Waterfront Road, Subic Bay Freeport on Saturday, June 29 at 8 p.m. Funk-rock-reggae group Spy will also perform.

Pinikpikan and Spy both feature the guitar virtuosity of Sammy Asuncion, who is homegrown but European-honed.

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Europe-based Internet music sites recently rated Pinikpikan among the top groups whose music was downloaded by international fans.

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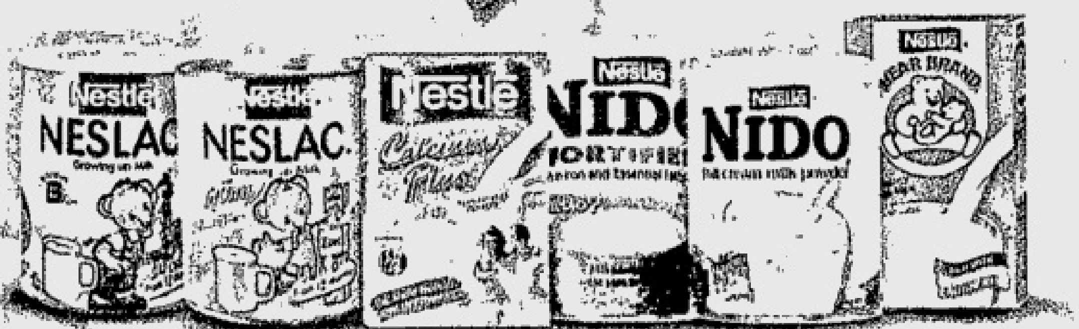

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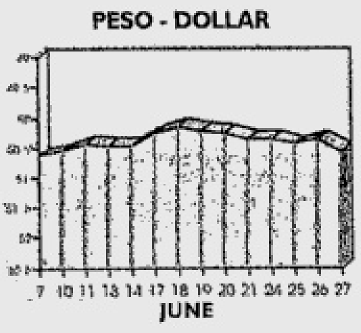

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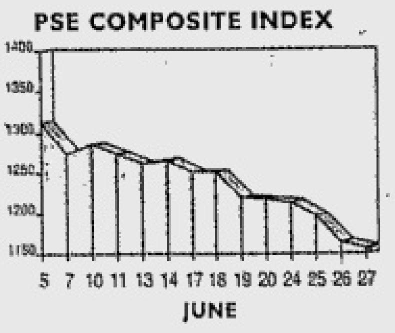
STOCK MARKET

Shares hit 6-month low

SHARE prices fell 0.6 percent to a new six-month closing low yesterday amid bearish sentiment here and abroad, dealers said.

"It's a global phenomenon that everybody is dumping their stocks and holding onto cash … after the semester is over investors will assess whether they should come back in July for the second half," said Rommel Macapagal of Westlink Global Equities.



(See stock market report on Page B6)

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index lost 6.68 points to 1,157.81, the lowest close for the index since Dec. 27, 2001, when it finished at 1,152.86.

Turnover fell to 225 million shares worth P304 million compared to 322 million shares worth P518 million traded on Wednesday.

Dealers said investors stayed away due to continuing concerns over higher interest rates, insurgency and banditry in the Muslim south and worries over US markets after telecommunications giant WorldCom Inc. disclosed a $3.8-billion accounting scandal.

"The drop in the market seems to be broad-based. There's a lack of fresh leads," said Terence Chan of Citiseconline.com.

Some analysts said, however, that some light bargain-hunting in a few key large-caps kept a lid on the downside after more than a 2-percent slump on Wednesday.

"There was a little bit of bargain-hunting today but it was very little. I still think we are headed toward 1,120 points in the near-term," said Regina Capital Development vice president Allan Araullo.

Weak global equities markets along with negative domestic factors including a ballooning budget deficit have cast a pall of gloom over local stocks in recent weeks.

AFP, Reuters

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE COUNTRY's key manufacturing output surged by 17 percent in April from a year ago to post the best performance in five years, suggesting a rebound in the industrial sector that was hit hard by the US-led global slowdown last year.

The volume of manufacturing index for April also reversed the 1.6-percent contraction recorded in March, which analysts said was a sign that the economy was indeed gaining more strength.

The National Statistics Office reported that the rebound was led by the strong growth in footwear and wearing apparel, fabricated metal products, electrical machinery, transport equipment, textile, basic metals, food, tobacco, rubber and leather products.

The industrial sector, of which manufacturing is part of, accounted for about 24 percent or 0.9 percentage point of the 3.8-percent growth during the first three months of 2002.

The resurgence in manufacturing output is seen as a sign of improved business confidence and consistent with other positive indicators for the period.

The country's import bill, for instance, surged by 19.7 percent to hit $3.22 billion in the same period, the strongest growth posted in almost three years, due to the increased shipment of electronics mostly used as inputs for export-bound goods.

An increase in imports, particularly of raw materials and capital goods, is usually seen as an indicator of improving export performance and increased domestic productivity.

Fund manager and economist Eric Claudio of Macar Investments said liquidity indicators showed that the economy was picking up.

Claudio said the improving economic figures meant that more funds were shifting to the real economy even if this meant reduced participation in the stock market, noting that retail investors comprise a big portion of market participants.

"Many of these are businessmen also and their decision-making affects the stock market, whether they will opt to put their funds in the stock market or in inventories. If inventory is picking up, that means that the funds used for the stock market trading are reduced," Claudio said.

"What is good for the economy may not be good for the stock market over the short term, but over the long term, it (shift in funds) is good for both," he said.

BOI, Peza investments down in first 5 months

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

INVESTMENTS registered with the Board of Investments and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority plunged sharply in the first five months as investor confidence in the country continued to wane.

The BOI reported that registered investments dropped 64.26 percent to P11.81 billion from January to May this year from P33.04 billion during the same period last year.

The Peza had a bigger investment tally than the BOI with P14.8 billion worth of investments registered during the period but this was 20.43 percent lower than the P18.6 billion chalked up a year ago.

Trade and Industry Secretary Manuel A. Roxas II was unfazed by the dismal figures. Roxas said that the BOI and the Peza managed to attract these investments after the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States showed that investors, albeit a few, remained confident in the country's prospects.

The top investments registered with the BOI last month were Philippine Telegraph and Telephone Corp.'s P1.37-billion information and communication technology project and the P382-million banana plantation project of Lapanday Diversified Products Corp.

The biggest project approved by Peza last month was Coral Bay Nickel Corp.'s P8.72-billion project. Coral Bay, a 90-10 Japanese-Filipino company, will put up a nickel-sulfide mixed project at the Rio Tuba Export Processing Zone in Palawan. CBNC expects to generate $42.47 million in annual exports and employ 173 workers.

Other projects approved by Peza last month were Philippine Samsung Electronic Corp.'s P428.4-million project to produce pick-up units for combo drive at the Calamba Premiere International Park, and Shin-Etsu Magnetics Philippines Inc.'s P177-million expansion of its electronic component manufacturing plant at the Laguna Technopark.

JG Summit denies role in PLDT, Boni buyout deal

By Elena R. Torrijos

JG SUMMIT Holdings Inc., the flagship holding company of the Gokongwei family, insisted that it was the "Gokongwei Group" and not the company itself that was a contracting party to the joint venture deal with Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. Ltd. to control a 24.4-percent stake in the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.

In a filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, First Pacific said that it entered into a legally binding memorandum of agreement with the Gokongwei family and JG Summit Holdings Inc. for the proposed joint venture that would acquire the PLDT stake and an interest in Bonifacio Land Co.

The SEC last week asked JG Summit Holdings to show cause why the publicly listed company should not be penalized for violating a rule that requires listed companies to disclose the occurrence of a material fact or event in light of the First Pacific filing disclosing the MOA.

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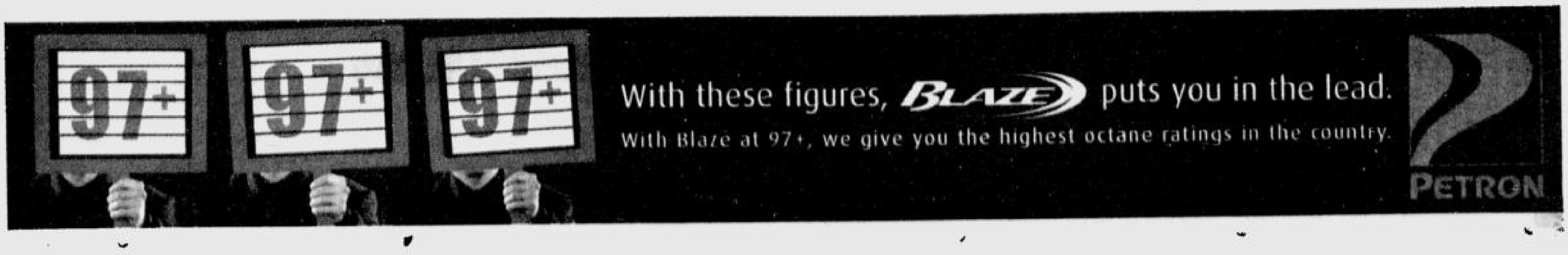
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SMC seen acquiring another food company

By Doris C. Dumlao

FOOD and beverage giant San Miguel Corp. is targeting for its next major acquisition a company engaged in a similar business with $1.5 billion in yearly revenue base.

SMC president Ramon Ang told reporters after the company's stockholders' meeting yesterday that the company's expansion plans would continue and that another acquisition would be sealed within this year.

"SMC has excess cash of $500 million," Ang said. "Also, it's very easy for us to borrow if we need money because our revenues are healthy."

However, Ang refused to identify SMC's latest acquisition target.

One of the companies that SMC was reported to be interested in was dominant rum-maker Tanduay Holdings Inc. of tobacco magnate Lucio Tan.

Following the strategic entry of Japan's Kirin Brewery Co. Ltd. into SMC with a 15-percent stake, Ang announced in February that SMC could spend another $1 billion to continue an acquisition binge here and abroad. Kirin's entry was meant to provide SMC with the financial muscle needed to cope with the challenges of globalization through the expansion of existing businesses and the acquisition of new ones.

SMC earlier wiped out the $1-billion cash hoard built on the first few years of its chair Eduardo Cojuangco in office through five major acquisitions in the last two years. It acquired powdered juice and jelly snack manufacturer Sugarland Foods Corp., Australian premium brewer J Boag & Sons, processed meat manufacturer Purefoods Corp. and most recently Cosmos Bottling Corp. It also staged a comeback into the soft drink business through the repurchase of a controlling stake in Coca Cola Bottlers Philippines Inc.

Ang estimated that SMC's net income had increased by 10 percent in the first five months with its revenues up by 28 percent.

For the same period, Cojuangco said consolidated sales hit P54.1 billion while operating income was up 18 percent to P4.8 billion. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization stood at P7.8 billion or 21 percent higher than a year ago.

₱500-M Clark leisure estate deal OKd

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—A subsidiary of the Hong Kong-based Yats Group of Companies on Wednesday signed a P500-million agreement for the development of an upscale family-oriented vacation destination in Clark, one of the country's biggest economic zones.

The agreement between YI Leisure Clark (YILC) and partners Great Asian Development Tech International Corp. and Rotary UK for the five-star Clearwater Country Club is one of Clark's top investment tickets this year, said Jose Victor Luciano, executive vice president of the state-owned Clark Development Corp.

YILC chair Denny Ot Yat Wang, YILC chief operating officer J.M. Enrique Madamba, Great Asian chair Beinvenido Leofando and Rotary UK's Brian Chew signed the construction contract at the YILC-owned Yats International Wine Club at the Mimosa Leisure Estate here.

The affiliate of Yats Group of Companies, a general investment firm in Asia, tapped the Great Asian and Rotary UK to develop the upscale club's accommodations, architecture and landscape around a manmade lake.

The lake alone cost the YILC more than P11 million, according to Wang.

Wang assured of "perfect leisure" at the exclusive vacation estate, saying that the Filipino-owned Great Asian has a solid reputation in design engineering and general construction.

Great Asian's partner, Rotary UK, known for its building and engineering services, was involved in the development of the Chek Lap Kok International Airport in Hong Kong.

Thanking out loud

BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III

ACTUALLY, this cute administration of Gloriaetta offered to get the Philippine Airlines, the national flag carrier, from the group of taipan Lucio Tan.

One more time with feelings—AGAIN? Perhaps the government has a lot of money to burn. It just gave away P5 million.

That's reward for the killing of Abu Sabaya, and the proof was media already reported it, generals already swore on it, and US officers were even willing to bet on it.

All right, but is there any physical proof at all? None yet? Well, you can't be too meticulous, when it comes to splurging on tax money!

Anyway, Finance Secretary Jose Isidro "the Whiz" Camacho already denied the government's interest to get back PAL. Well, it's his job to raise the money.

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ANYWAY, the Whiz did not waste any time to make the denial. He did it the day after his boss, Gloriaetta, in a forum of big business, talked about the PAL re-takeover.

The Whiz said that his boss was only thinking out loud. He said it never even crossed the mind of this cute administration. Not for a moment did I believe the Whiz.

Based on word from the Lucio Tan group, the government offered to get back PAL from the taipan, not through a buyout, but by buying only the physical assets.

It's a shrewd move for the government. Under such a deal, Lucio Tan, the seller, may even have to give the government, the buyer, some money. Swell, let's go for it!

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FOR if the government gets only the physical assets of PAL, the Lucio Tan group will still be left with the corporation. In effect, he must deal with its billions of pesos in debts.

How fair is such a deal? Let's just say I don't think that Lucio Tan is stupid. It's the main reason he is a multibillionaire, while I am still renting.

Actually, for airlines like PAL, the physical assets are not their most valuable assets. Any airline's most valuable assets are its routes.

All those landing rights of PAL were what Lucio Tan paid for, when he bought PAL from the government 10 years ago. It was not the company of stewardesses.

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YEARS of PAL in government hands meant years of neglect. I thought then that the government would have to pay somebody just to get PAL off its hands.

In the PAL privatization, therefore, at that time, the buyers weren't just buying airplanes. They were buying the "business" of PAL, meaning, mainly, its various routes.

The same holds true today. It so happens the buyer is the government. It does not need the routes. It has complete control over the routes.

As it is, the government is giving away the business of PAL to foreign airlines. Take your bow, Singapore Airlines, Korean Airline, Asiana Airline, China Airline, Eva Air and Emirates! And soon, all the US airlines!

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UNDER an agreement with the US government, thanks to the administration of Kuya Eddie, by October next year, we must allow US airlines to do here whatever they please.

That, under the agreement, is the meaning of "open skies." All US airlines can fly between the United States and any point in the Philippines—as many times as they want.

Before I forget, it also means the US airlines can fly between the Philippines and any other country (i.e. not the US) which will allow them to commit such a robbery.

Fortunately for the huge US airlines, there are such countries in Asia, simply because the United States won World War II. After the war, only the United States was the boss.

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THUS US airlines got from Asian countries different air rights, such as flying between two other countries, even if their people don't speak a word of English.

Such a US might, applied in "open skies," means its airlines can fly between Tokyo and Manila, or between Hong Kong and Manila, like it's their birth right.

That, in my barangay, is called a bully. But the US government is careful about its world image. So it allows PAL to do the same thing in the United States.

Thus, under the "open skies" thing, PAL can service passengers between the United States and, say, all the different planets of the solar system and beyond. *Asa ka pa!* What's that—hoping skies?

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IN Asia, the flights are short, and the passenger traffic is heavy, meaning, less cost with good income prospects! That is good for the US airlines under "open skies."

In North America, in contrast, the countries are so huge, and they are so far apart, flying between the United States and any other country is like crossing an entire continent.

In other words, "open skies" can only give US and Philippine airlines equal rights on paper. It does not give them equal income opportunity.

Yet, in offering to get PAL, apparently for a song, this cute administration is merely working to make the "open skies" arrangement with the United States a reality. Nice try!

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SO as I said, not even for a moment did I believe the Whiz on that thing about Gloriaetta's thinking out loud on the government re-takeover of PAL.

Like that US military commander, I am willing to bet my month's salary of P12,000 here, in talking about the PAL takeover, Gloriaetta had a purpose. What it was, still remains a mystery.

Still, nobody knows how this cute administration intends to explain to the public its leanings toward the United States, even to the point of sacrificing the national flag carrier. Nobody also knows how the "open skies" issue will affect its public image.

According to the latest survey, in the eyes of the public, this cute administraiton is going down in cuteness. As of last count, Gloriaetta was only 4 percent cute.

4 firms to vie for PNOC-EDC's $40-M project

STATE-OWNED PNOC Energy Development Corp. yesterday said it had pre-qualified four prospective bidders for the construction of a $40-million, 40-megawatt geothermal plant near Mt. Kanlaon in Negros Occidental.

The four, according to PNOC-EDC, are Marubeni Corp., Kanematsu Corp., Mitsubishi Corp. and Ormat Industries Ltd.

PNOC-EDC chair Sergio Apostol said the bidding documents would be issued to the pre-qualified companies when the Japan Bank for International Cooperation completed its review on the papers.

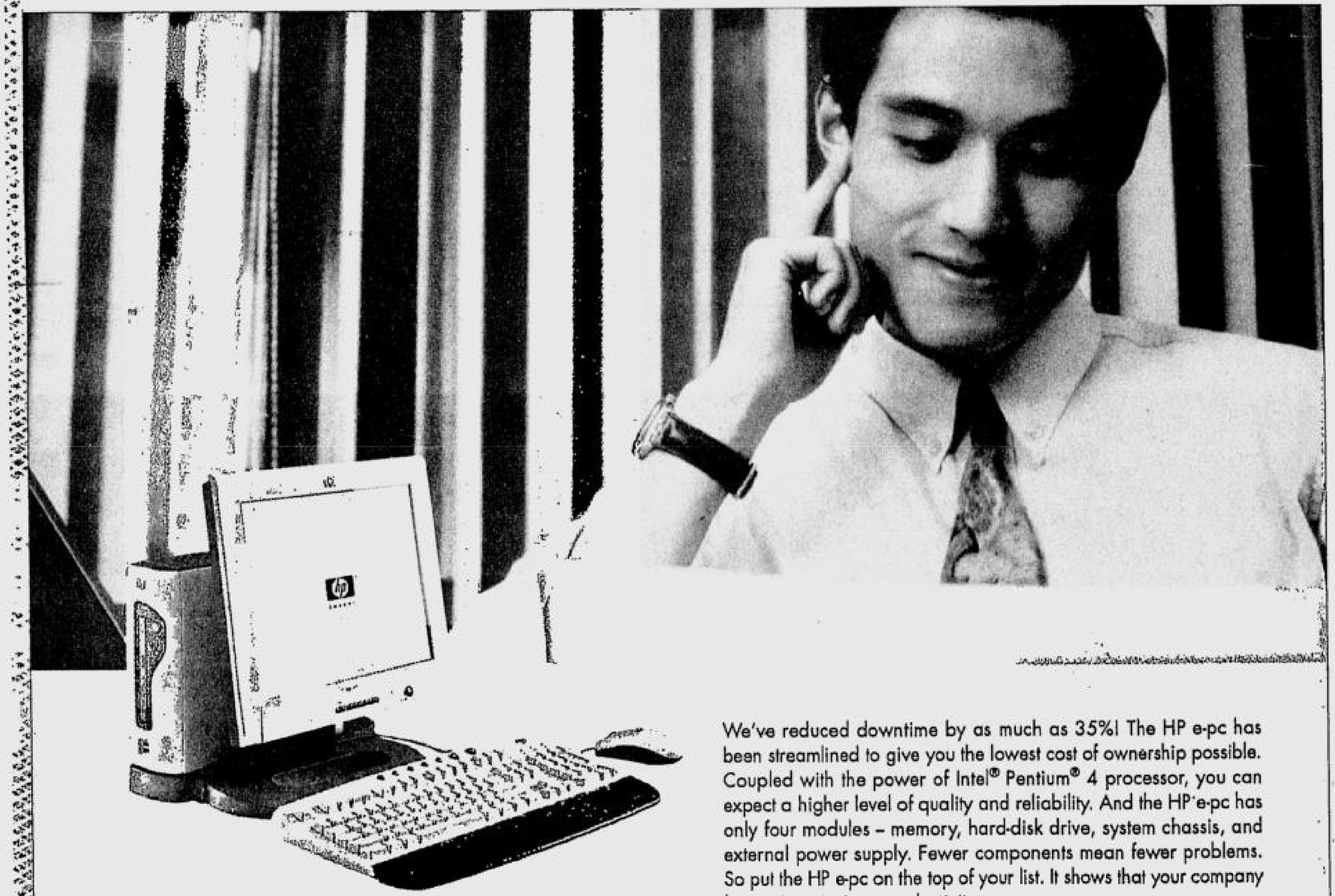
"It is critical that we get the construction of the power plant going within the year," Apostol said. "It is slated to go on stream in 2004."

He added that all work on the Negros facility's other components—steam field, pipeline network and transmission system—were on schedule and were nearing completion.

"We expect to complete the bidding by October," Apostol said.

He said the contract involved a full turnkey project and would include the engineering design, supply, delivery, installation, testing and commissioning of the geothermal plant.

The former Leyte congressman said the Negros plant would be PNOC-EDC's first fully owned power plant.



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Last call for CR-V

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

IF YOU are planning to buy the new Honda CR-V, assuming that you can find one in the showroom, you had better make it pronto.

The taxmen are planning to plug the loophole that allowed the CRV, a middle-class sports utility vehicle, to be excise-tax exempt as a cheaper cargo/taxi workhorse like the Toyota Revo and Mitsubishi Adventure.

That loophole—CR-V extended its luggage portion to allow "10-passenger seating" and thus claim tax-exempt status—has sparked lobbying protests not only from Ford and other US carmakers but from fellow Japanese manufacturers as well.

Commissioner Rene Bañez said the Bureau of Internal Revenue would come out next week with the new excise tax guidelines, essentially a reversion to the original 1997 specifications that, through the years, have been watered down by amendments.

(Bañez, incidentally, is using a 2001 Honda CR-V as official vehicle.)

With the required 15-day notice after publication, the new revenue regulations, and corresponding higher sticker price, should come in effect by mid-July at the earliest.

But Honda is not about to give up the fight, not just yet. Honda officials were scheduled to meet with Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho yesterday afternoon to say that, instead of reducing revenues, the government should be getting more money from the higher CR-V demand.

According to Honda spokesperson Arnel Doria, the government managed to collect P459 million in excise and value added taxes and import duties for the 1,200 CR-V units sold last year. Out of that amount, P312 million came from the 35-percent excise tax.

With the 2002 CR-V, Honda expects to sell a whooping 6,000 units of the bigger, but lower-priced model.

Even without the excise tax, the new CR-V should bring in, at the projected higher demand, P527 million in VAT and import duties, or a net P68 million gain to the government coffers.

The 2002 CR-V has a sticker price of P899,000, for manual transmission (from P1.085 million in 2001), and P959,000, for automatic (from P1.128 million in 2001).

Honda is now making noises about the multibillion-peso investment in Laguna, scheduled for inauguration this August, that would make the Sta. Rosa plant the sole assembler of manual transmission kit for all Honda vehicles worldwide.

That investment was, ironically, a quid pro quo on the government's allowing Honda to join the AUV game.

"Honda was in fact a latecomer to the AUV game," Doria said. "Why are we now being singled out?"

In case you did not know, the "10-seater" Pajero, Expedition, and Suburban, the favorite SUVs of the rich and politicians, have long been exempt from the 35-percent excise tax, as are the lowly Nissan Ad Resort and the real Asian utility vehicles.

Ironically, the anti-CR-V clamor has all

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BANK ACQUISITION. UGC-Tibayan Group Conglomerate Chairman Jesus V. Tibayan (right) exchanges documents with Centerbank VP/Corporate Secretary Esmeralda Cunanan during ceremonial turnover of ownership held June 25. Centerbank is the second bank acquired by UGC-TG in a span of two years.

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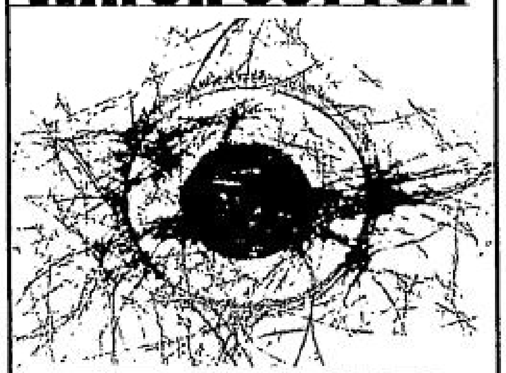

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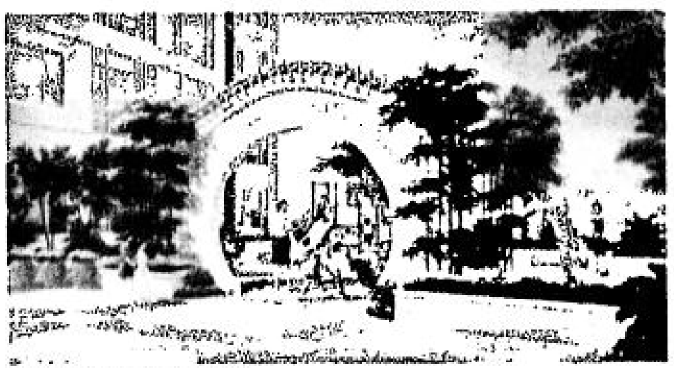

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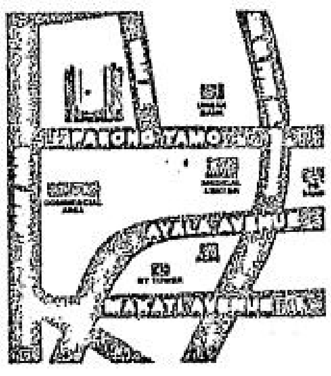

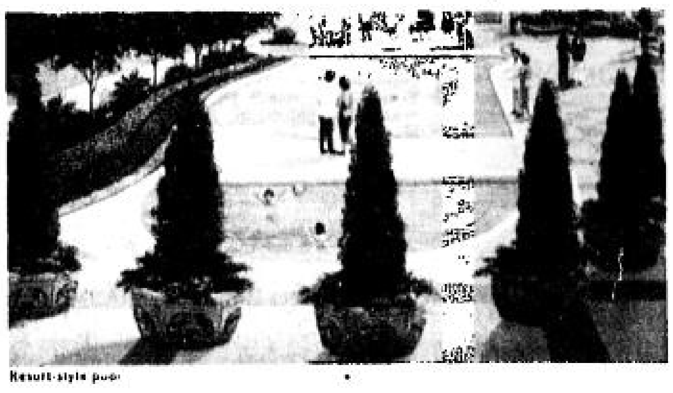

Resort-style pool

MESSAGES

Malacañan Palace
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I extend my warm felicitations to the officers and staff of **Maxima Equipment Co., Inc.**on the inauguration of its corporate office and the 14th year of its enduring partnership with *Komatsu Ltd. of Japan.*

I congratulate you for your efforts in strengthening the heavy equipment industry by providing quality and reliable products. I hope this occasion will inspire your partnership towards more investments and business activity.

As I have pledged in my first year in office, our immediate goal is to eradicate poverty, hopefully, within this decade. This we can achieve with the cooperation of the goverment, the business sector and our citizens.

I commend the men and women of Maxima Equipment Co., Inc. for sharing with us the goal of better future for our people. This goal is consistent with your company's long tradition of, and commitment to, quality products and service. May you continue to be succesful and all your undertakings.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President of the Republic of the Philippines

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SENATE

I wish to extend my greetings to the MAXIMA Equipment Company Incorporated on the inauguration of its new corporate office, and at the same time, celebration of its 14th year anniversary in partnership with KOMATSU Ltd. of Japan.

It is important that the private sector remains vigilant in forging and enhancing ties with its foreign partners to help the economy grow and cultivate a more conducive business climate for investors.

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Mabuhay po kayo!

LOREN LEGARDA LEVISTE
Majority Leader

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Again congratulations & more power.

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May the good Lord continue to shower your organization with graces and successes fort he years to come!

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To our customers who have supported us through all these years, thank you for being our partner in progress.

Mabuhay Tayong Lahat !!!

RAUL M. ANG
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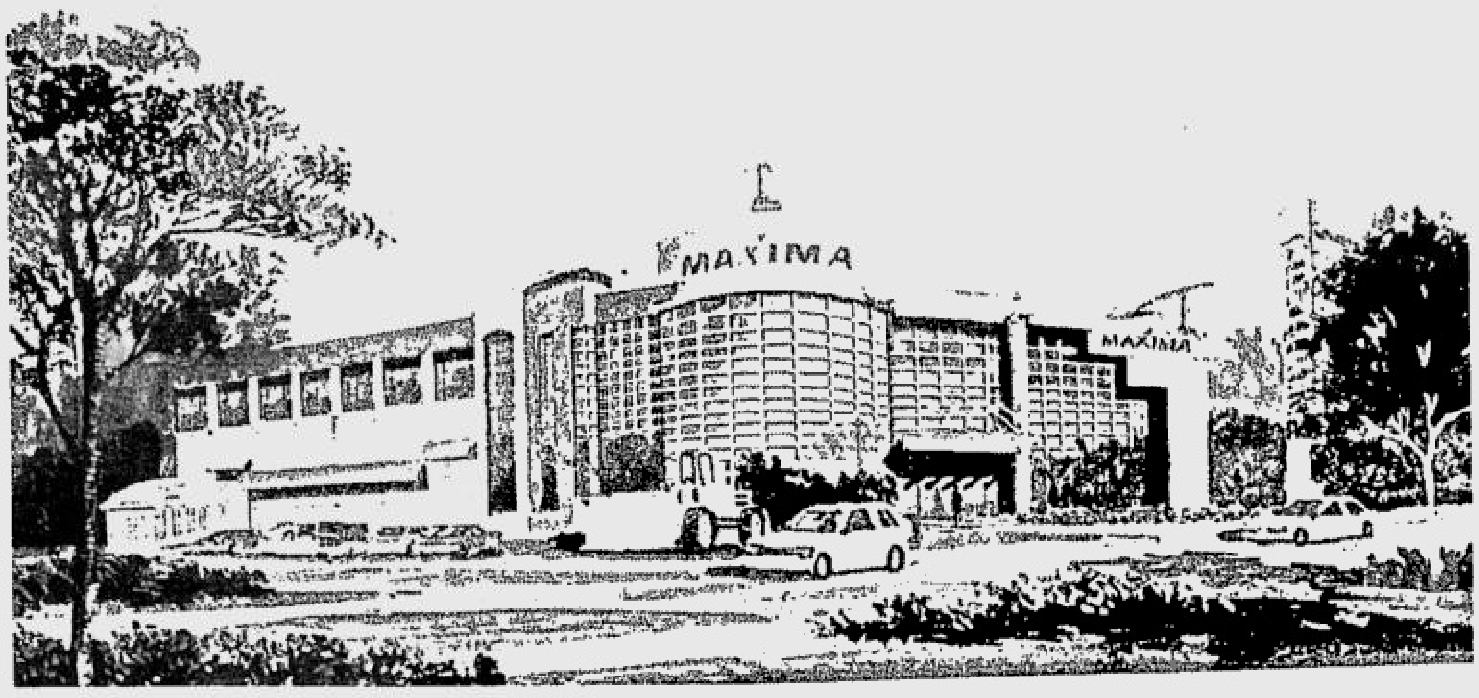

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A BRIEF HISTORY

Apr. 1988	Maxima was incorporated.
Jun. 1988	Komatsu Ltd. (Heavy Equipment & Generator sets) of Japan appointed Maxima as their exclusive distributor in the Philippines.
Jan. 1989	Established Training Department to provide customer & in-house training.
May 1991	Computerization of ordering of spare parts to Komatsu Asia & Pacific Pte. Ltd. (KAP) Singapore.
Sept. 1995	Bomag GmbH (Compaction Equipment) of Germany appointed Maxima as their exclusive distributor in the Philippines.
Nov. 1995	Niigata Co. Ltd. (Asphalt Pavers) of Japan appointed Maxima as their exclusive distributor in the Philippines.
Dec. 1995	Fermec Int'l. Ltd. (Backhoe Loaders) of U.K. appointed Maxima as their exclusive dealer in the Philippines.
Jan. 1996	New corporate log was launched.
Feb. 1996	Established a 9,000 sq. meters Service Center in Valenzuela City.
Jul. 1997	Furukawa (Breakers and Crawler Drill) of Japan appointed Maxima as their exclusive distributor in the Philippines.
Jun. 1998	Computerized parts operations through the Maxima Parts System.
Jul. 1998	Airman (Air Compressors) of Japan appointed Maxima as their exclusive distributor in the Philippines.
Nov. 1999	Iveco SpA (Trucks and Buses) of Europe appointed Maxima as their exclusive dealer in the Philippines.
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Petrochem firms urged to open books to prove losses

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE PHILIPPINE Plastic Industry Association wants petrochemical manufacturers to open their books and prove that they are in the red despite the fiscal perks, tariff protection and duty-free status for their raw materials they are getting from the government.

PPIA executive secretary Alfred Chan said the petrochemical firms—JG Summit Petrochemical Corp., Petrochemical Corporation of Asia and Pacific, and Bataan Polyethylene—should present their audited financial statements to prove that they were losing money.

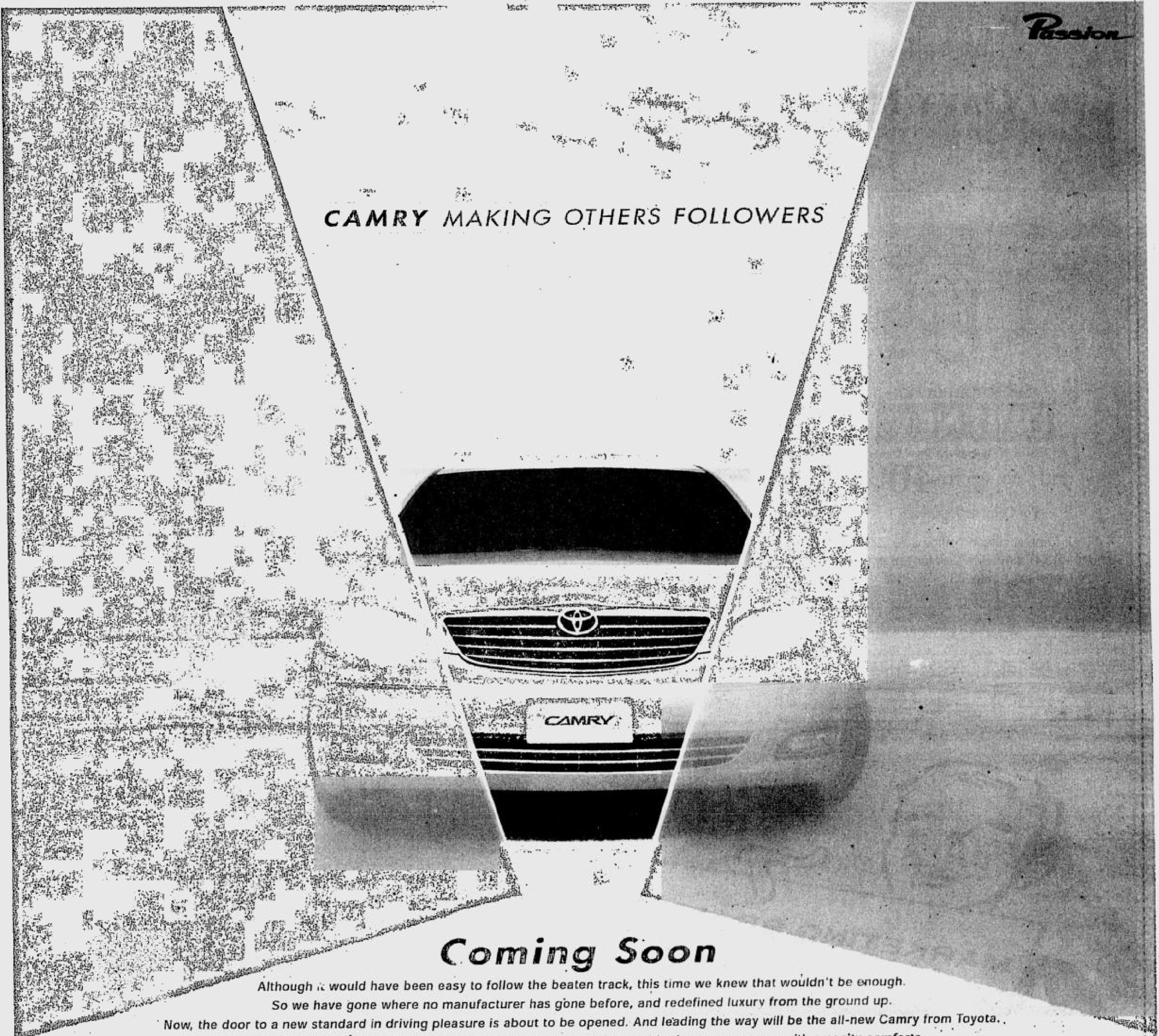
The PPIA claimed that if the petrochemical firms were indeed bleeding heavily from their operations, these might be due to the high interest rates they were paying or the excess investments they made in building production capacity (only half of which is being utilized). The PPIA said the petrochemical firms made a mistake by building plants with oversized capacity and they want consumers to shoulder the costs of their mistakes.

The PPIA is opposing a petition by the Association of Petrochemical Manufacturers of the Philippines (APMP) with the Tariff Commission to jack up duties of resins or polymers from 15 to 30 percent up to 2010. Tariffs on polymers are set to go down to between 0 and 5 percent next year.

Chan described the APMP's petition "a shotgun approach devoid of any serious study of its implication to end-users. He noted that the APMP inserted raw materials like ethylene-vinyl acetate (used to make rubber sandals) which is not produced locally and finished plastic products which were the concern of PPIA. Chan warned that raising duties on plastic products across the board would only lead to a spiral in consumer prices.

APMP chair and JG Petrochemical president Willie Paras said the tariff hike was aimed at helping the industry survive through its "infancy stage."

He claimed that industry players have invested P50 billion over the last five years and they were prepared to pump in more capital over the next few years to build a local naphtha cracker plant, which would lead to a full integration of the industry.



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Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	5	5	5	5	21,000
Banco De Oro Univ. Bank	17.75	18	17	18	265,700
Bank of the Phil. Islands	47.5	48.5	47	47	500,700
China Banking Corp.	630	630	630	630	1,410
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	32	32	31	31	173,400
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	34	34.5	33	33.5	685,800
Prudential Bank	425	425	425	425	110
Philippine National Bank	34	34	34	34	8,200
Security Bank Corp.	14	14	14	14	3,800
Union Bank of the Phil.	20.5	20.5	20.5	20.5	9,900
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard Inc.	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	14,000
Filipino Fund Inc.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	10,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1360	1360	1360	1360	670
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1075	1075	1075	1075	180
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	22	22	22	22	2,000
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.7	0.72	0.7	0.7	1,580,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	565	565	545	550	15,260
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	1,000,000
Piltel .	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	530,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	375	377.5	367.5	370	70,970
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.014	0.014	0.013	0.014	18,700,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	20	22	20	21	25,700
Manila Electric Co. B	30.5	31	29.5	30	1,017,200
Petron Corp.	1.64	1.68	1.64	1.68	3,033,000
Salcon Power Corp.	1.62	1.66	1.62	1.66	78,000
Trans-Asia Oil And Energy	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	6,690,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	10,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.4	2.46	2.4	2.46	275,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.4	0.4	0.36	0.4	50,690,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	10,000
William, Gothong & Aboitiz	2.26	2.28	2.26	2.28	582,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.22	130,000
Phil Nat'l Const. Corp.	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	50,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.68	205,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	10,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Jollibee Foods Corp.	13.5	13.5	13.25	13.25	1,600
La Tondena Distillers Inc.	33	33	33	33	32,200
RFM Corp.	1	1.02	1	1	350,000
Swift Food Inc.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	19,000
San Miguel Corp. A	47.5	48.5	47.5	48.5	78,000
San Miguel Corp. B	52	52	51	51	54,500
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.1	1,348,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2,410,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	10,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	60,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.39	0.41	0.37	0.38	7,660,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	400,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	90,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	70,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	140,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	20.75	21	20.5	20.5	207,300
Global Equities Inc.	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	50,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.58	1.6	1.58	1.6	5,010,000
Macroasia Corp.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	20,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	10,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	10,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.28	1,190,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.32	0.33	0.32	0.33	440,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Metro Alliance Holdings	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	240,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	80,000
Pryce Corp.	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	2,000,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	8	8	8	8	12,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	280,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	120,000
Manila Jockey Club	9	9	9	9	20,000
Mondragon Intl Phils Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	180,000
Philippine Racing Club	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	200,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	22.5	22.5	22.25	22.5	417,600
Globe Telecom Hldg (Pdr)	670	670	670	670	400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series O	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,900
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,200
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	600
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	5,500
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	400
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	600
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.5	8,954,000
Cebu Holdings, Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.26	600,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.195	800,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.2	0.205	13,150,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.3	2.3	2.24	2.26	3,557,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	30,000
Mrc Allied Ind. Inc.	0.085	0.09	0.085	0.09	11,200,000
SM Development Corp.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	400,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	6,066,000
Universal Rightfield Prop	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	200,000
MINING					
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.205	600,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.205	0.21	0.205	0.21	600,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	2,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	12,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	200,000
OIL					
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	45,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	40,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	1,696,870	59,430,615.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	117,915,930	149,840,110.00
PRO	44,957,000	94,384,180.00
Mining	15,400,000	339,700.00
OIL	45,040,000	142,200.00
GRAND TOTALS :	225,009,800	304,136,805.00

	AVERAGES	
Banks & Fin Svc	459.78	DOWN 7.84
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,614.12	DOWN 11.14
PRO	504.26	UP 10.76
Mining	1,260.88	UNCH 0.00
OIL	1.35	UP 0.02
All Shares Index	695.32	DOWN 6.89
Composite	1,157.81	DOWN 6.68

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Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	1.017708	1.000000	50.3510
Japan	Yen	0.008482	0.008334	0.4196
United Kingdom	Pound	1.553531	1.526500	76.8608
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.130482	0.128212	6.4556
Switzerland	Franc	0.680741	0.668896	33.6796
Canada	Dollar	0.669986	0.658328	33.1475
Singapore	Dollar	0.576181	0.566155	28.5065
Australia	Dollar	0.571425	0.561482	28.2712
Bahrain	Dinar	2.699635	2.652661	133.5641
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.271374	0.266652	13.4262
Brunei	Dollar	0.574554	0.564557	28.4260
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000117	0.000115	0.0058
Thailand	Baht	0.024406	0.023981	1.2075
UAE	Dirham	0.277101	0.272279	13.7095
Korea	Won	0.000856	0.000841	0.0423
Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.982600	49.4749
Argentina	Peso	0.265721	0.261097	13.1465
Brazil	Real	0.356465	0.350263	17.6361
Denmark	Kroner	0.134928	0.132580	6.6755
India	Rupee	0.020867	0.020504	1.0324
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.267854	0.263193	13.2520
Mexico	New Peso	0.102283	0.100503	5.0604
New Zealand	Dollar	0.492980	0.484402	24.3901
Norway	Kroner	0.135341	0.132986	6.6960
Pakistan	Rupee	0.016978	0.016683	0.8400
South Africa	Rand	0.099143	0.097418	4.9051
Sweden	Kroner	0.110022	0.108108	5.4433
Syria	Pound	0.019800	0.019455	0.9796
Taiwan	NT Dollar	0.030452	0.029922	1.5066
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000773	0.000760	0.0383

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Gov't to speed up approval of vital projects

By Doris C. Dumlao

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has issued a new executive order that sought to speed up the implementation of development projects and delivery of social services by streamlining the review of all government contracts, the National Economic and Development Authority announced.

In a statement yesterday, the Neda said President Macapagal had issued EO 109, which would further rationalize the rules and procedures on the review and approval of all government contracts.

The Neda said the new EO, which would supercede another administrative order issued last year, emphasized the policy of the administration that all government contracts shall be awarded "through open and competitive public bidding except on exceptional cases provided by law and applicable to rules and regulations."

To speed up the review process, however, the new EO gives the department secretaries the full authority to give final approval and enter into all contracts, regardless of the amount involved, on behalf of their respective department and the various bureaus, offices, agencies and government-owned and -controlled corporations they supervise.

The executive order also emphasized that every department secretary and head of bureau, office and agency of government, as well as the head and governing board of a GOCC shall be responsible and accountable for ensuring that all government contracts entered into are in accordance with all existing laws, rules and regulations and are consistent with the spending and development priorities of government, the Neda said.

The ceilings on the approving authority of department secretaries and governing boards of GOCCs with regard to negotiated contracts were also modified by the new EO.

If the contracts were at least P300 million and the department secretary had determined that such contract should be exempted from public bidding, the opinion of the secretary of justice and the approval of the Neda director general as to the justification for the exception should first be obtained before proceeding with a specific alternative mode of procurement. Thereafter, the department secretary concerned may proceed with the approved mode of procurement and subsequent implementation of the contract.

Also, only government contracts required by law to be acted upon and approved by the President of the Philippines, and any subsequent amendments or supplements, need to be submitted to the Neda secretariat for review, evaluation and recommendation to the Neda board, which is chaired by the President.

On the other hand, all contracts involving at least P300 million shall, be submitted to the Neda for purposes of creating a repository of all government contracts.

"EO 109 also provides that all government contracts entered into that are in violation of the provisions of law, existing rules and regulation, and EO 109 itself shall be considered contracts entered into without authority and are thus invalid and not binding on the government," the Neda statement said.

DOF plans to limit tax perks to ecozone locators

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE DEPARTMENT of Finance is planning to limit to 10 years the main tax incentive granted by the Philippine Economic Zone Authority and three other agencies to their locators.

A ranking finance official said the 5-percent tax on gross income, a much sought-after sweetener offered by Peza, the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, and the Cagayan and Zamboanga economic zones to their locators should only be given for 10 years.

Companies not registered with any of the four ecozone authorities have to pay a 32-percent tax on their net income.

"We have to cap this particular incentive at a certain point because currently it is endless. If you are a locator, you are entitled to this particular incentive as long as you are operating within these ecozones," the finance official said.

The source said that the Peza was agreeable "in principle" to the DOF initiative.

It was not resolved yet whether the tightening of the incentive would be tackled separately in the charters of the four economic zone authorities or would be addressed in a legislation being proposed by the Macapagal administration.

The DOF and the trade department are working out a unified position on the tax incentives but a finance source said the two agencies could not consolidate yet their traditionally opposing stance.

The finance department would like to limit their tax perks as these were viewed as one of the big factors limiting tax collection. The trade department, on the other hand, said incentives were still necessary to attract investors.

For the meantime, the DOF and the Bureau of Internal Revenue are preparing a revenue regulation to tighten the implementation of the 5-percent gross income tax following reports that the ecozones have been loosely implementing the policy.

Instead of collecting the 5 percent on gross income, the ecozones reportedly allow their locators to deduct other items that shrink the taxable income. The government alleged that the deductions were not provided for in the original definition of gross income.

BIR Commissioner Rene Bañez said the bureau was likely to amend the existing revenue regulation on the treatment of the 5-percent gross income tax to help plug the P60-billion revenue leakage from corporations that have been cheating the government of its rightful taxes.

BIR Revenue Regulation 1 series of 2000 had specified that the 5-percent tax is "imposed on gross income earned and hence, income tax in nature and a national internal revenue law in character."

The provision had subtly amended BIR Revenue Regulation 12 series of 1997. The earlier BIR regulation specified that "gross income shall refer to gross sales or gross revenue derived from the registered business activities within the ecozones."

The computation was to be "net of sales discount, sales returns and allowances and minus cost of sales, cost of production or direct costs of services (depending on the nature of business) but before any deduction is made for administrative expenses or incidental losses during a given taxable period."

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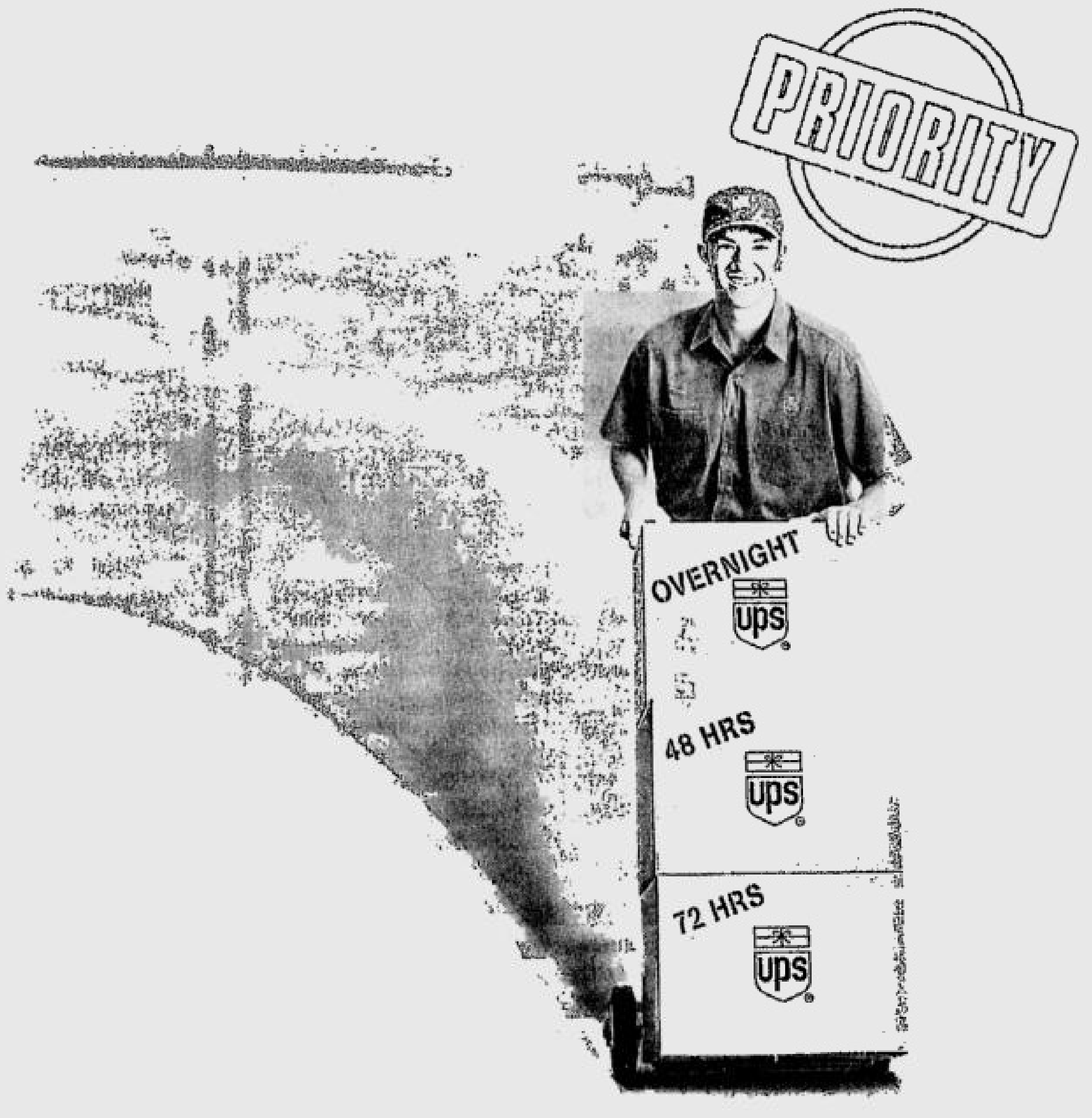

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(PDI – June 28 & 30, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Extrajudicial Settlement of State with Special Power of Attorney to the widow of the late Domingo B. Goncena who died intestate left parcels of land under TCT Nos. 50077, 44654 and Lot No. 5859-A situated at Old Albay and Arimbay all in Legazpi City; Savings Account No. 303771045 with Metro Bank Legazpi Branch and covered with Passbook No. 5266243 with a balance of P70,518.86 and Shares of Stock of Ayala Corporation was executed by the heirs and acknowledged before Notary Public Jose Marino B. Madrilejos per Doc. No. 248; Page No. 50; Book No. XVII Series of 2001.

(PDI – June 21, 28 & July 5, 2002)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

(Second Publication)

The Armed Forces of the Philippines invites interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for the **UPGRADE OF TWO (2) LANDING SHIP TANKS (LSTs)** of the Philippine Navy with an approved budget of **Two Hundred Forty One Million Five Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Pesos (Php 241,584,000.00)** under the AFP Modernization Program.

Only bids from entities with category "large shipyard" or "medium shipyard" by the MARINA shall be entertained.

Eligibility/Bid documents will be available for issuance starting **June 28, 2002 (Friday)** during office hours at the BAC Secretariat, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Capability, Materiel and Technology Development, J9, AFP, 3rd Floor, Bulwagang Mabini, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City upon payment of **Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (Php 25,000.00)** which is not refundable. The form of payment will be in cash or cashier's check.

A Special Power of Attorney, issued by the prospective bidder, authorizing its representative to purchase the bid documents in its behalf, shall be required before issuance of the bid documents.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **July 05, 2002 (Friday)** at **2:00 p.m.** (local time) at the *Silid Panday Pira, OJ9, 1st Floor Bulwagang Mabini, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City*. Bidders are required to submit their queries in writing to the BAC Secretariat prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.

Prospective bidders are allowed to inspect the two (2) LSTs upon purchase of the bid documents until the deadline of submission of the First Stage envelopes.

Deadline for submission of Eligibility/Bid Documents (First Stage) is on **July 19, 2002 (Friday)** at **2:00 p.m.** (local time) and immediately followed by the Opening of Bids at the *Silid Panday Pira, OJ9, 1st Floor Bulwagang Mabini, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.*

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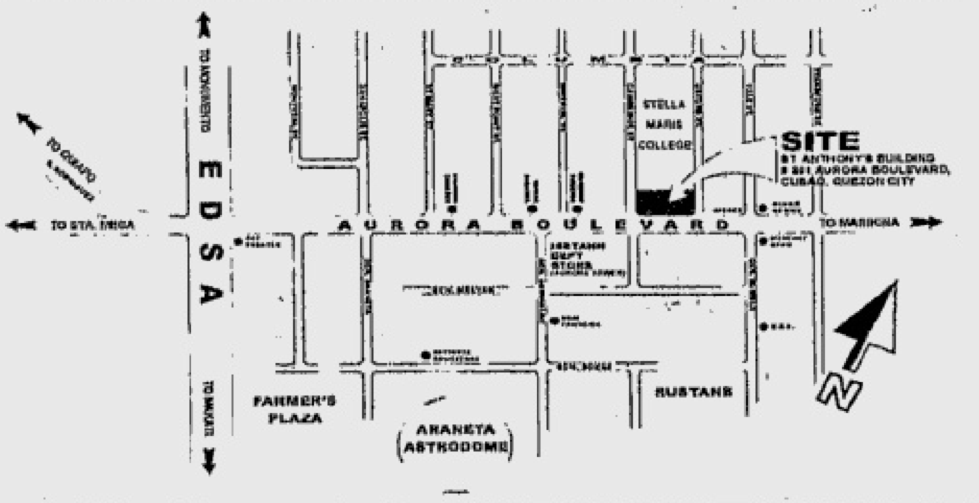

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NSO figures

As of April this year, the unemployment rate hit its peak in two years at 13.9 percent, 14 percent to round it off, compared with 13.3 percent in the same period last year. The National Statistics Office (NSO) reported that the country's labor force hit an unprecedented 35.1 million or an increase of 4.3 percent compared with last year's figure.

All regions in the country, except the ARMM, posted double-digit unemployment rates with Metro Manila posting 20.3 percent; Central Visayas, 15.4 percent; Ilocos, 15.2 percent; Central Luzon, 15 percent; Central Mindanao, 13.5 percent; Western Visayas, 13.4 percent; Southern Tagalog, 13 percent; Southern Mindanao, 12.7 percent; Bicol, 12.4 percent; Caraga, 11.6 percent; Western Mindanao, 11.1 percent; Northern Mindanao, 10.9 percent; Cagayan Valley, 10.6 percent, and Eastern Visayas, 10.2 percent.

Unemployment, the top exploiter

The venerable labor secretary now Sen. Blas F. Ople stressed once, and we concur, that the greatest exploiter of labor is unemployment. When a head of family is without a job, he has no economic means, no political muscle and no social standing. Even his dignity as a human being is diminished. He loses his spirituality. He reaches a crucial point when he questions the existence of God.

A jobless man is an easy target for recruitment into the rebel movement. He is a potential kidnapper, a probable drug pusher and a future hold-upper. When his family starves, a man loses his respect for authority and he rejects the law as another instrument of oppression by the controlling elite in a society that does not give him any chance or option.

Implications of joblessness

When workers have no jobs, they can't buy food. They can't pay house rentals. They can't even afford medicines for their sick, much less tuition for their schoolchildren. They become a burden to society, a threat to the rest of the population and a danger to national security. When people are jobless, homeless, landless, and hopeless, they have no stake to keep the social compact.

When our streets are swarmed with beggars, prostitutes and hold-uppers, even the employers and the employed would not be safe in their homes. Drug addicts come and go to ransack their houses, rape their wives and daughters, murder their children and rob them of whatever possession they have. When there are too many who are poor, the security of the too few rich people will be in jeopardy.

Wrong strategies

Our country's seemingly endless fixation on overseas employment appears to be a band-aid solution to our unemployment woes. Those who envisioned this program to export cheap labor, including Ople, might not have seen the long-range implications and the social costs of sending OFWs away. If they did, they were playing with fire.

By sending our best engineers to the Middle East, we deprive our own country of the infrastructure development and economic progress out of the work of Filipino manpower. By sending our nurses to the United States and Canada, we deny our own poor needy patients of basic medical care. By sending *japayukis* to Tokyo, we destroyed the image of Filipino womanhood.

Social costs of OFWs

In the name of the mighty dollar, the government pushes our labor force to work abroad and compels them to remit regularly almost all their foreign exchange earnings. The burden of paying billions of dollars in foreign debt has been shifted to the working class, while politicians amass questionable wealth out of corruption and graft. The OFWs are left alone to maintain the country's balance of payments, while congressmen are squandering billions of pesos in pork barrels and senators are stabbing each other's backs over turf and politics.

Consequently, the much-vaunted Filipino family has been destroyed, the children of the OFWs have become fatherless, motherless although not dollarless. Many of them have become drug addicts because they can now afford shabu and ecstacy and they neither have a mom nor a dad to keep them company.

Shattering the homes

Since fathers are working as seamen and moms are either housemaids in Hong Kong or dancers in Tokyo, daughters are left to be raped by uncles and *lolos* and sons are molested by priests and their mentors in search of father figures. The OFW program is wrecking havoc at our most prized patrimony, the Filipino family.

Filipinos are paying a dear price in the name of dollar remittances. Yet OFWs are not being served by OWWA in the manner and to the extent they deserve. Their money is allegedly being diverted to extraneous ventures like what was supposedly done in GSIS and SSS. Meanwhile, our local unemployment problem is worsening.

The only hope

The only hope is the efforts of Tesda's Lucy Lazo to train our manpower. But Lucy was replaced by a politician. Cito Lorenzo has promised to generate a million jobs, a few good men helping.

Secretary Pat Sto. Tomas is trying very hard to address the worsening unemployment problem, within the limits of our socioeconomic conditions, and despite the abuses and ineptitude of some of her colleagues. We need to support Cito and Pat as they try to slay the dragons of joblessness during these most trying times. Our people deserve no less.

Belle bondholders OK debt notes restructuring

By Doris C. Dumlao

LEISURE estate and gaming firm Belle Corp. said its bondholders had approved the restructuring of its $68.5 million worth of floating rate notes (FRNs) that fell due last May.

With its continuing debt restructuring program and the more than P1 billion in cash generated from the spin-off of Highlands Prime Inc., Belle chief finance officer Manuel Gana yesterday said he was confident that the company could revert to profitability by the end of this year.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, Belle corporate secretary Bayani Tan said the FRN holders agreed to extend the maturity date of the bonds from May 10, 2002 to May 10, 2014.

In view of the rescheduling, there will be an increase in the bond's interest rate from 1.8 percent per year over the six-month London Interbank Offered Rate (Libor) to 2 percent per year over the six-month Libor.

Belle likewise completed earlier the restructuring of P2 billion worth of debts to local creditors including Allied Bank, Equitable PCI Bank, Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co., Banco de Oro Universal Bank, Bank of the Philippine Islands, International Exchange Bank and state pension fund Social Security System.

The company said negotiations were underway for the restructuring of its $17 million debt to Deutsche Bank. Also to be resolved is the German lender's demand for security cover.

Belle aims to complete its debt-restructuring program this year.

Earlier, Belle transferred assets to Highlands Prime. It raised money from the sale of primary and secondary shares, which was used to reduce its debt burden.

Highlands Prime, which was envisioned to continue the development of the plush Tagaytay Highlands, inherited from Belle P7.72 billion worth of assets consisting of 534 hectares of undeveloped land, 71 developed subdivisions and 25 finished residential units.

The group of retail tycoon Henry Sy, for its part, paid P2.8 billion to acquire 53-percent control of Highlands Prime.

Highlands Prime sold 93.9 million primary shares out of about 2.2 billion in total shares through an initial public offering, raising a net of P193 million in fresh funds for its capital expenditures. At the same time, some 355.35 million of secondary shares were sold to the public, allowing parent firm Belle to raise a net cash of P713 million to boost debt reduction efforts.

Lufthansa remains bullish on RP

By Abigail L. Ho

LUFTHANSA German Airlines remains optimistic about the prospects of the Philippine market as it aims to maintain a load factor of between 65 and 70 percent on its busy Manila-Frankfurt route.

In a news briefing Wednesday, Lufthansa's executive vice president for sales Thierry Antinori said this load factor was high and was usually achieved only in bigger markets like China and Japan.

Load factor pertains to the average number of seats occupied in a flight compared to the maximum capacity.

Lufthansa is the leading European airline in the country, beating former topnotcher British Airways.

Its 747-400 aircraft flies daily to Frankfurt, with Bangkok as a stopover point where the airline can pick up more passengers.

Antinori said more flights would be added on the Manila-Frankfurt route when the need arises. But with the current situation, the airline only needed to maintain its passenger volume and brand leadership in the country.

"If the market calls for it, we'll increase (the number of flights). But now, we're very well positioned. In 2004 or 2005, we'll do that (expansion), if necessary," he said.

Lufthansa's outgoing general manager for the Philippines Wolfgang Schmidt said the airlines' passenger mix was 70 percent on the economy class—composed of religious and ethnic travelers, overseas Filipino workers and seamen—and 30 percent on business and first class.

Antinori said the Philippines and Southeast Asia are essential parts of Lufthansa's global sales strategy.

"Asia grew higher than the rest of the world last year. In fact, we decreased our flights to the United States (in the wake of the Sept. 11 incident) and added more flights to Asia for the summer season, which started in April," he said.

Its new Asian routes include Munich-Shanghai and Munich-Tokyo. The German flag carrier also increased flight frequencies to Saigon in Vietnam, Nagoya in Japan and Mumbai in India.

A total of 19 seats and 14 flights were added on the Asian route where Lufthansa flies 113 times a week to 16 gateways in nine countries.

The airlines' biggest market in Asia is Japan, with China at its heels.

CSR Week set for July 1-7

CORPORATE Social Responsibility Week will be observed on July 1 to 7 this year with the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF), the coordinating body, lining up various activities.

The activities will focus on the role of the private sector in poverty reduction.

Among the highlights of CSR Week's observance is the Asian forum on CSR on July 2-3 to be attended by some 200 CEOs and company presidents, heads of business associations, and executive directors of LCF's over 50 member-foundations.

LCF chair Aurora Tolentino, executive director of Ayala Foundation, will present a consolidated private sector program on poverty reduction to President Macapagal-Arroyo when she keynotes the forum's opening session on July 2.

Tolentino will also present with PBSP executive director Gil Salazar at a two-hour breakout session the "Benchmarking CSR" research study. The four-year study, funded by Ford Foundation, has developed tools to measure the effectiveness of a company's CSR practice and its impact on various stakeholders.

During the week, LCF committees will mount an art exhibit and live demonstrations at Dusit Hotel and Greenbelt I mall. It will launch "Tulungan sa Paaralan" by adopting a school at the Maharlika Village in Taguig through scholarships, teacher training, equipment and facilities. It will also hold a tree-planting mission at La Mesa Dam and mangrove planting in Bataan, clean air and smoke-emission tests, paint sludge reduction in Sta. Rosa, a newspaper recycling drive, and a cancer awareness seminar.

Shell, South China team up for an oil exploration project

SHELL Philippines Exploration BV (Spex) signed an agreement on June 20 with South China Resources Inc. (SOC), a Philippine oil exploration company, for an oil exploration project in an offshore Northeast Palawan area covered by Geophysical Survey and Exploration Contract Nr99 (GSEC-99).

The deal was signed by Spex managing director Jeremy Cliff and Edgardo P. Reyes, chair of South China Resources. The signing was witnessed by Energy Undersecretary Cyril del Callar.

GSEC-99, which covers an area of more than 1.3 million hectares in a strategic area in offshore Northeast Palawan, was awarded to South China Resources Inc. on Nov. 13 this year.

The East Palawan area is in the heart of the "Corridor of Focus" of the Department of Energy's "Windows of Opportunity" project. It is receiving considerable attention from local and foreign exploration companies as it is considered as one of the remaining frontier oil exploration regions in the Philippines. The entry of Spex further opens up frontier deepwater exploration in the area.

Cliff noted during the ceremony that "the potential of the petroleum system in offshore Northeast Palawan area is deemed similar to the productive Northwest Palawan area. A variety of petroleum plays exist in GSEC-99 ranging from shallow water structural and reef plays to deep-water plays."

Under the GSEC, South China and Spex will initially acquire, process and interpret around 2,000 kilometers of new 2D seismic, gravity and magnetic data in the deepwater portion of the block. The joint venture will also have the option to drill up to two wells within the GSEC area and convert the GSEC into a service contract.

"The prospectivity is more for gas than for oil, and in deepwater rather than shallow. Should the seismic study support this, we will obviously be looking at the take-up of the Malampaya gas first before we will commit to drill. Shell is promoting gas as 'the fuel of choice' for the Philippines. However, our shareholders—and I'm sure SOC, our JV partners in Malampaya and other possible new entrants into the Philippines upstream—will all be looking at how Malampaya fares in the Philippine market before investing again," Cliff said.

Cocktales

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the more whetted demand for the hot-selling mid-size SUV that, as of yesterday, Honda has a backlog of 2,800 orders. The Sta. Rosa plant, on the other hand, can only crank out 600 units a month.

That means if you place an order from today, you could expect delivery only after more than 4.6 months. And, if you and Honda are unlucky, the CR-V might even come with a higher sticker shock.

Consumed by Consunji

INSOLVENT real estate developer Isidro Consunji has another problem, this time from the unit owners of Pioneer Highlands.

A class suit has been filed both in the courts and the government housing regulatory agency against Universal Rightfield, the publicly listed developer of Pioneer Highlands, over alleged unfulfilled promises, including the change of name into Globe Telecom Plaza.

The name change came after Globe Telecom bought four floors of the 43-story commercial-residential condo.

One particular beef of the plaintiff—Luis Sicat, Pacifico Sanchez Jr., Jesusa Arroyo and Henedina Limjap-Reyes—is that Globe Telecom has allegedly appropriated for its exclusive use the building's common parking slots.

The plaintiffs are now asking their fellow unit owners to attend tomorrow's annual meeting-election so they could break the Globe Telecom-Consunji monopoly of the five-member board.

Short takes

- LAWYER Tina Gregorio-Panganiban said she voluntarily resigned, not dismissed by the new PSE bosses as was reported in this space Wednesday, as chief of the Philippine Stock Exchange listing department.

According to the grapevine, Panganiban, who readily found a new job, grew "exasperated" from the endless politicking and infighting within the PSE board.

- FLIES and mosquitoes have also begun flocking into the new Greenbelt, specially the food court area, in the absence of air curtains guarding the mall's doors. Other than the pesky insects, the new Greenbelt is a successful melding of environmental concerns, aesthetic appeal, and cost-cutting corners.

Heard through the grapevine

THE DELGADOS of Islacom have run into problems from the usual suspects, politicians, over their planned takeover of the telephone monopoly serving the Pacific island of Saipan.

The Delgados, in partnership with some locals, successfully bested other parties in a bidding held last year for the franchise of Verizon, the telecom provider. *(Cocktales may be reached by e-mail at cocktales_pdi@yahoo.com or at cocktales_pdi@hotmail.com.)*

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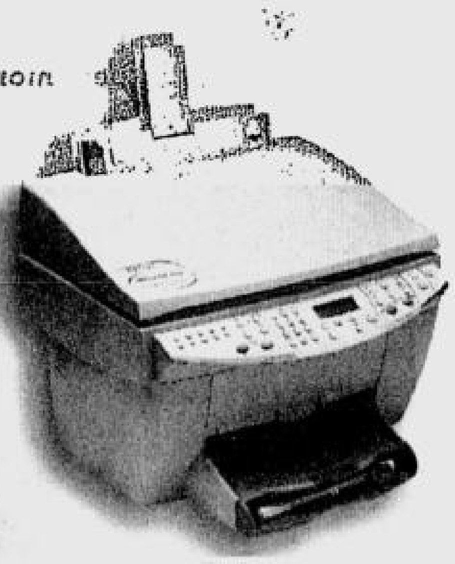

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Retail bonds raise P63B for gov't

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE GOVERNMENT said it had raised P62.9 billion from the sale of three- and five-year retail treasury bonds.

The issue with the original size of P9 billion, according to finance officials, was seven times oversubscribed.

"The overwhelming success of the RTBs gives us more flexibility in our financing," said Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho.

Camacho said that with the P62.9 billion in cash from the bonds, the bureau could afford to reject the high bids of banks for treasury bills. He said it would also enable the government to reduce the size of its borrowings from the domestic market in the second half of the year.

A source, however, said the banks, and not the small investors, cornered the bulk of the RTBs. The banks, he added, were planning to use the debt paper as a trust fund instrument for tax exemption.

Roberto Juanchito Dispo, senior vice president of First Metro Investment Corp., one of the underwriters, denied that banks gobbled up the debt paper and that the RTBs would allow them to enjoy tax exemption.

Dispo, who is also president of the Money Market Association of the Philippines, stressed that only tax exempt institutions such as retirement funds and certain foundations were entitled to tax perks. Banks and retail investors, he added, were all required to pay the 20-percent final withholding tax.

The three-year RTBs offered a yield of 11.75 percent while the five-year bonds carried a coupon rate of 12.375 percent.

The Treasury has a mandate to issue as much as P150 billion worth of retail bonds during the term of this administration.

The government issued P15.6 billion worth of four-year RTBs in May last year and another P22.4 billion worth of three-and-a-half-year bonds in November.

Small investors can acquire a minimum of P5,000 worth of the bonds but not more than P2 million. The risk-free investment paper was issued in denominations of P5,000.

The returns are to be paid every quarter and like any other government debt paper, the RTBs are subject to a final withholding tax and documentary stamp tax.

While meant to raise funds to help finance the government's budget deficit, the RTBs are also designed to help improve the savings rate in the country, said a government official.

The national savings rate as a percentage of gross national product has dropped to 26 percent from more than 28 percent in the previous years.

The Macapagal administration wants to improve the savings rate to 27 percent. But with very low interest rates on deposits, people are discouraged to put their money in banks.

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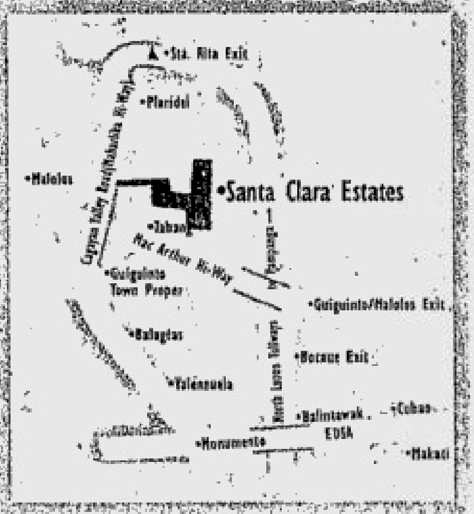

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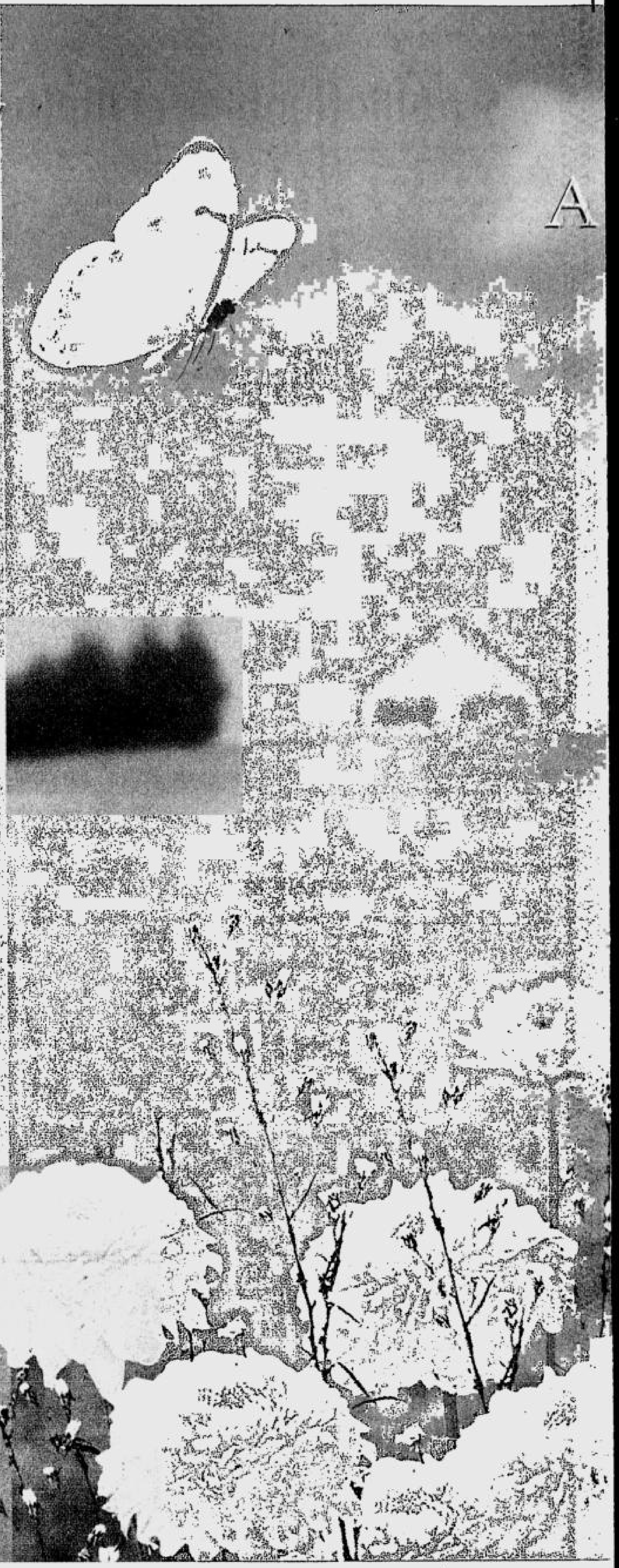

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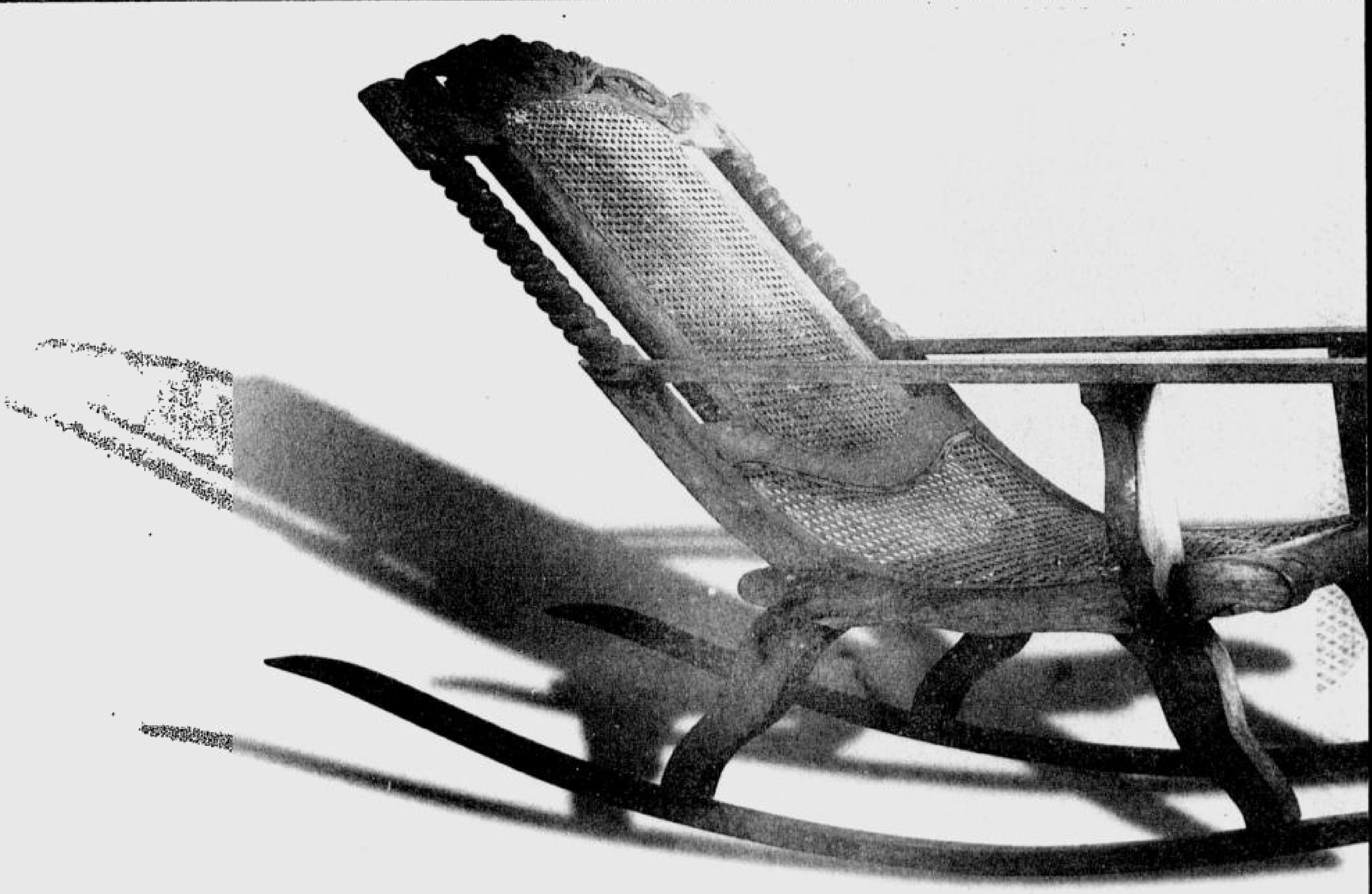

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Banks study use of zero-coupon bonds in selling idle property

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE BANKERS Association of the Philippines may reconsider the idea of using zero-coupon bonds to take out the foreclosed or acquired assets of banks.

BAP president Cesar Virata said the use of the bonds had been discussed by the BAP before but was set aside when it focused on pushing for the creation of asset management companies or special purpose vehicles as a mechanism to relieve banks of their large non-performing assets.

Based on their published statements of condition, the country's 43 commercial banks have more than P100 billion in real and other property owned or acquired.

"Even before (zero-coupon) bonds were issued by government, we were already discussing in the BAP whether zero-coupon bonds can be used as an instrument to exchange for Ropoa. Actually any bond can be used except that with zero-coupon bonds, you'll have discounts on the prices," Virata said.

"Right now we are focused on the SPAV (bill) although this (zero-coupon bond) can be an alternative to it since you will use bonds to buy Ropoa. We are always looking at ways to address the banks' NPAs," Virata said.

He added that the accounting treatment of the bonds would also have to be worked out.

Rizal Commercial Banking Corp., where Virata is acting CEO and vice chair, has proposed the use of its 10-year zero-coupon bonds (earlier acquired from the government through a federation of non-government organizations) as a means for prospective buyers to acquire property from banks at a discount.

RCBC officials have earlier sought the support of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas officials for this proposal.

If approved, banks can accept RCBC's zero-coupon bonds as payment for their Ropoas. The banks can book the bonds based on the face value to avoid having to post a loss in the transaction.

JG Summit. . .

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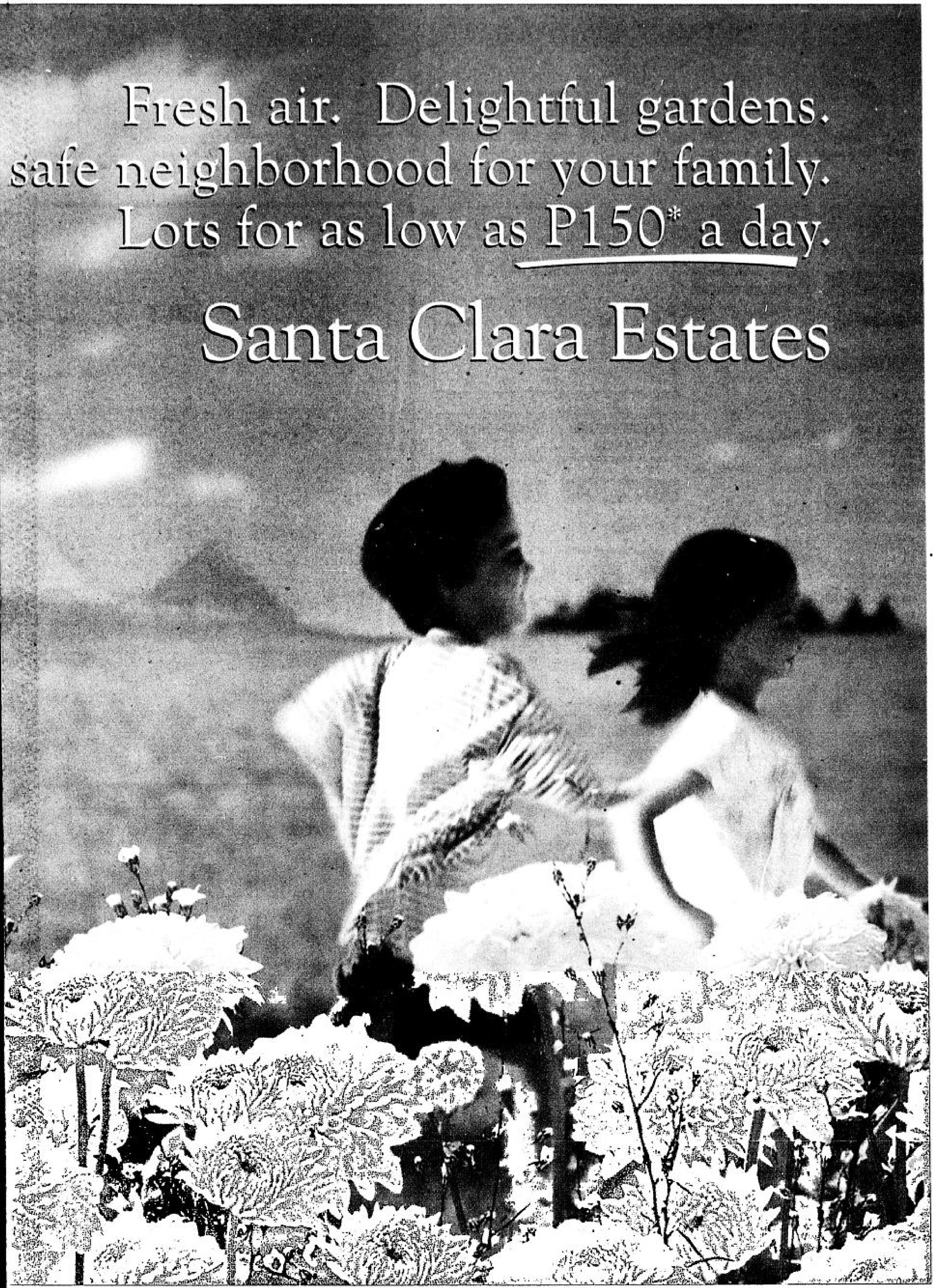
The SEC had also cited that taipan John Gokongwei, who had written a letter to the SEC claiming that he signed the deal with First Pacific solely on his own personal capacity, may be liable for misrepresentation.

In a separate letter to the SEC, Gokongwei himself also reiterated that he signed the MOA personally on behalf of the Gokongwei Group.

In a letter to the SEC, JG Summit president Lance Gokongwei said that the filing of First Pacific should be read together with Exhibit 32 that indicated that the reference to JG Summit Holdings was for the purpose of describing the Gokongwei group "and not to create, expressly or impliedly, any contractual relationship between JG Summit Holdings Inc. and First Pacific."

JG Summit attached a letter dated June 19 from First Pacific executive director and general counsel Ronald Brown affirming that any reference to JG Summit in the US SEC filing was merely descriptive of the various members of the Gokongwei group.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Peacefully joined his Creator on June 24, 2002
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His bereaved wife **Yau Yuk Hop**; children and in-law **Winston & Lily, Nelson, Lucy**; grandchildren **Jason** and **Jamee**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, Superior Chapel, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

He will be laid to rest at Manila Memorial Park, Dasmariñas, Cavite on Wednesday, July 3, 2002 at 8:30 AM.

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JUSTICE ALFREDO JAVELONA GUSTILO (SANDIGAN BAYAN)

(January 24, 1934 - June 28, 1999)

His wife and children request relatives, friends and pious readers to include **"Fred"** in their prayers.

Masses are offered at:

Parish Church of the Resurrection, BF Homes, Parañaque City	5:30 AM
National Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Sacred Heart corner Kamagong Street, San Antonio Village, Makati City	6:00 AM
St. John Bosco Parish, Arnaiz Avenue, Makati City	6:00 AM
Our Lady of Pillar Cathedral, Imus, Cavite	6:00 AM
Sanctuary of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Paul Road, San Antonio Village, Makati City	6:15 AM
San Antonio Parish, San Antonio Valley 1, Parañaque City	7:00 AM
St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Pacdal Baguio City	6:15 AM
His Mausoleum at Manila Memorial Park, Garden Estate Annex I, Parañaque City	8:30 AM

FELIX SOLIS RICASA

of B.F. Resort, Las Piñas, Pasay City
and Rosario, Cavite

Peacefully joined our Lord on June 26, 2002
at the age of 95.

His wife **Lucia Raqueño** (†); children **Antero** and **Ricardo**; grandchildren **Rica**, **Fides**, **Richie**, **Angelo** and **Robert**; and great grandchild **Riley** request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, St. Elizabeth Chapel, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Monday, July 1, 2002 at 10:00 AM at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

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Peacefully joined our Lord on June 14, 2002
in Freemont, California.

His loving wife **Carning**; children **Joji & Efren**, **Elena & Bert**, **Sobee & Liza**, **Obet & Edna** and **Choy**; grandchildren and great grandchildren; brothers & sisters **Cesar** (†), **Tessie & Romy**, **Bobby** (†) & **Lolly**, **Joseling**, **Tony & Letty**, **Dinggay & Gil**, relatives & friends, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Malate Catholic Church.

Interment will be on Saturday, June 29, 2002 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

VICENTE D. QUIJANO, JR.

Died peacefully on June 25, 2002
at the age of 70.

His loving wife **Ester**; brothers (†) **Engr. Renato** & (†) **Setsuko Judge Virgilio**, **Zeny**; sisters **Letty**, **Julie & Domeng del Rosario**, **Sylvia & Pat Dantis**, nephews, nieces and other relatives request the readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Forest Hills Funeral Homes at Quirino Highway, Gulod, Novaliches, Quezon City and will be transferred at Floresco Funeral Homes at Gen. Luna Street, Concepcion, Malabon City today, June 28, 2002.

Interment to be announced later.

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GSIS pioneers online service in government

THE GOVERNMENT Service Insurance System (GSIS) becomes the first government institution to provide services online with the launch of e-GSIS, its interactive website that allows its 1.4 million members to access their individual records anytime and anywhere.

Through e-GSIS, which can be accessed by logging on to www.gsis.gov.ph, GSIS members can also check out any information on their policies, loans or claims over the Internet.

For those without access to the Internet, they can also inquire about their salary loan balance, salary loan status, or loanable amount through their cellular phones. Via the so-called infotext, GSIS members could also receive announcements and advisories from the pension fund.

"For the first time in our long history, the GSIS has become truly one, single entity. Integration has provided us the linkage, network and capability to store all the information we need to serve our members in a computer platform accessible to every operating unit," GSIS president and general manager Winston Garcia said during the institution's 65th anniversary celebration recently.

Soon, the infotext inquiry system will expand to cover all GSIS transactions. To register via infotext, members just have to type GSIS Reg <Policy#> <Last Name> <First Name> and send to 248 for Smart Users or 2390 for Globe users. The one-time registration will lead the member to all accessible transactions.

"Finally, our long cherished vision of being able to serve our members anytime, anywhere is now a reality," Garcia noted. He said these efforts are also in response to the call of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to make ICT useful to the widest number of Filipinos possible.

Thus, without leaving his office or the privacy of his home, a GSIS member can take a quick look at or download his statement of accounts and all his transactions on his policy, salary, emergency and housing loans. He can also view the tentative computation of his cash surrender value. All individual member information are fully secure that only members have access to their own records.

A user-friendly tutorial that provides a step-by-step guide is available in the site. The tutorial takes the surfing member on a tour of its features and shows him how to optimize its use.

For members who don't have e-mail accounts, e-GSIS can help in creating a Yahoo or Hotmail account.

PAGCOR FUNDS SCHOLARSHIP

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) is funding the education of poor but deserving students through an initial donation of P5 million to the UST Research and Endowment Foundation Inc. Shown is Pagcor chair and CEO Efraim C. Genuino (fifth from left) turning over the ceremonial check to UST rector and foundation director Fr. Tamerlane R. Lana, OP (fourth from left) at the UST grants office June 20. Also shown are, from left, Dr. Ramon L. Sin, assistant to the rector-office of external affairs and director of the grants office, Fr. Robert N. Pinto, OP, UST treasurer, Fr. Juan V. Ponce, OP, UST vice rector, Pagcor community relations head Ramuel K. Agoncillo, and Fr. Winston Cabading, OP, UST secretary general. The donation signifies Pagcor's staunch support to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's program of improving the lives of the less fortunate through education.

Svenson celebrates 21; new Makati center blessed

MAY 17 was a red-letter day for Svenson International, the country's foremost hair and scalp clinic, as it celebrated its 21st anniversary in the Philippines. Along with this event, Svenson reopened its all-new and improved Makati branch at the 15th floor of the GT Tower Building, Ayala Avenue corner HV dela Costa Street. Svenson's celebrity clients Bernardo Bernardo and Eva Abesamis led the ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the new center. A special cocktail affair was also held for its exclusive clients to mark the occasion.

For 21 successful years, Svenson continues to provide the most effective hair loss treatments and the most advanced non-surgical hair replacements. Backed by its worldwide affiliations, Svenson remains at the forefront in making hair recovery a reality for thousands of people afflicted with hair loss and baldness all over the world. In the Philippines, Svenson's achievements in recovering, restoring and recreating real hair remain unmatched and unsurpassed.

Aside from its hair restoration program, Svenson also offers professional consultation services with the center's expertly trained trichologists. Its modern facilities include a video loop analyzer that magnifies your scalp 200 times for a clearer and more thorough examination of your hair and scalp's condition. More spacious cubicles have been added so you can have your treatment or hair maintenance session with the utmost comfort and privacy. With the building's multi-level parking areas, you won't have any difficulty in finding a suitable spot for parking your car.

If you're experiencing heavy hair loss or baldness problems, act on it right away. Get in touch with Svenson's new Makati center at 819-3336. You can also call other Svenson branches at 372-6631 (Timog), 243-0128 (Binondo), 842-1389 (Alabang), or 032-2340851 (Cebu).

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MAKATI center manager Teresa Cruz (left) and the rest of the staff celebrate Svenson's 21st anniversary and the formal opening of the new Makati branch.

BERNARDO and Eva prepare to cut the ribbon to officially open the new Makati center.

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SVENSON'S celebrity clients Bernardo Bernardo (left) and Eva Abesamis (right) join (from left) Makati branch manager Teresa Cruz with consultants Liza Viray and Monica Larson for the reopening of Svenson's new Makati center.

DTI WELCOMES INFONXX CALL CENTER

DTI Undersecretary Adrian Cristobal Jr. welcomed another major investor in the country, US-based Infonxx, which recently formalized operations of its Philippine call center at the RCBC Plaza in Makati. In his speech during the inauguration of Infonxx, Cristobal assured the leading global directory assistance provider that the local workforce remains to be the most prized asset of the country. Infonxx Phils. is the first call center in Asia, initially employing over 300 people and is still looking for more local customer service representatives and administrative staff. Infonxx manages a database with over 150 million listing and handles about 200 million requests annually. Shown during the recent launch are (from left) Jeff Blake, general manager of Infonxx Phils, Cristobal, Robert Pines, CEO and co-founder of Infonxx, and Joanna Lim, assistant call call center manager.

BITS & Clips

Becoming an independent immigrant

EDNA Alba, immigration consultant, will give a seminar on "How to become an independent Immigrant—the easiest, honest, and best way." All health care professionals (including live-in caregivers), computer science graduates, computer engineers, investors and businessmen are invited. This will be held on June 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Quezon City Sports Club at E. Rodriguez Avenue, Quezon City. For reservations call Amy or Mayie at 251-4729 or 49.

In Reian Mata's eyes

ON JUNE 29, have a taste of Reian Mata's trend and style at Caramba, The Fort, Taguig. Featuring the Young Designers Guild's Joey Samson, Ricky Vicencio, Ivar Aseron, Yvonne Quisumbing, Mel Vergel de Dios and Dennis Lustico's fashion creations, with Champ Acuba and Puey Quinones. The party rocks on with the music of DJ Mark Nicosia and Recados band. This event is supported by Fuji Superia Film and supported by Sonny Camarillo, Salon de Manila, Ideal Vision, Wilson Shoes, Heineken Beer, Cruzan Tropical Rums and Vive Cuervo. Tickets are available at P500 and P1000. For reservations, call 726-7908, and look for Ariel or David.

OUTSTANDING MASTER MASON

Very worshipful Bernard Go (right), PM, PGLI, PAGT, was adjudged by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines outstanding master mason in local governance during its 86th annual convention in Olongapo City. Grand master Napoleon Soriano (left) presented the award. Go is also the chair of Barangay 288 in Binondo, Manila.

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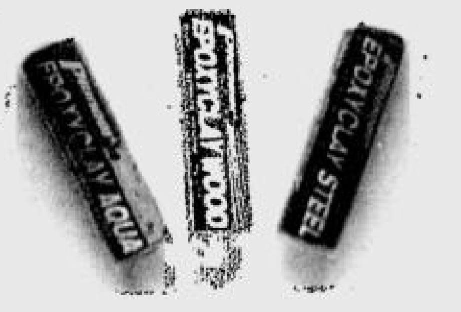

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Caregiver program preview

THE SOUTH East Asia Speakers and Trainers Bureau is inviting all interested parties to attend the preview of the caregiver program at St. Paul Pasig, beside Ultra, on June 29 at 3 p.m. The venue will be at the Viewing Room 2, Learning Resource Center (LRC). For further details, call 8817358 (Delia), 8831681 (Bhabes), 8812540 (Liza), 8832676 (Jeffrey) and 8833085 (Nelia). Dina Loomis, president, is pleased to announce that the Speakers Bureau has several network of agencies that will facilitate employment of graduates of this program in the United States, United Kingdom and Canada.

PPHS CLASS '59 REUNION

The organizing committees of the Grand Reunion of Class '59 of Pangasinan Provincial (Now National) High School met recently at the residence of Lydia Velasquez-Sison to prepare for the reunion on Nov. 2 and 3 in Lingayen, Pangasinan. Members of Class '59 are requested to call Lydia at 942-4434 or Gloria Quintos-Bugayong at 930-1463.

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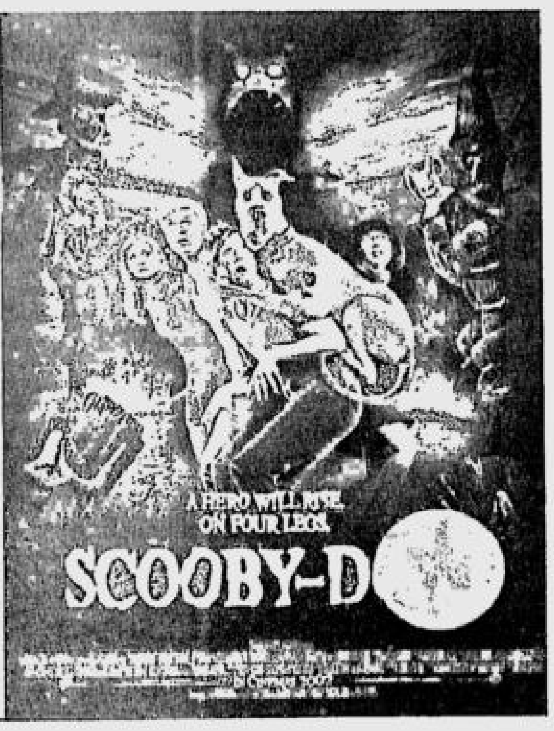
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WorldCom slaps New Economy with old-time scandal

NEW YORK—The so-called New Economy is headed into the history books as an era of fast money, loose accounting and, all too frequently it appears, out-of-control executives.

The disclosure of nearly $4 billion in accounting irregularities by telecommunications giant WorldCom—a one-time stock market star that symbolized the merger-hungry 1990s—has Wall Street scrutinizing how once fast-growing companies have accounted for declining fortunes.

Scandals that brought such high-flying stocks as Enron, Tyco, Global Crossing, ImClone and WorldCom crashing to earth have made them brand names for a new breed of corporate chicanery.

Wounded investors, cut-off customers, and fearful employees of companies in such once-golden sectors as telecommunications, biotech and energy trading are left to wonder: Who's next?

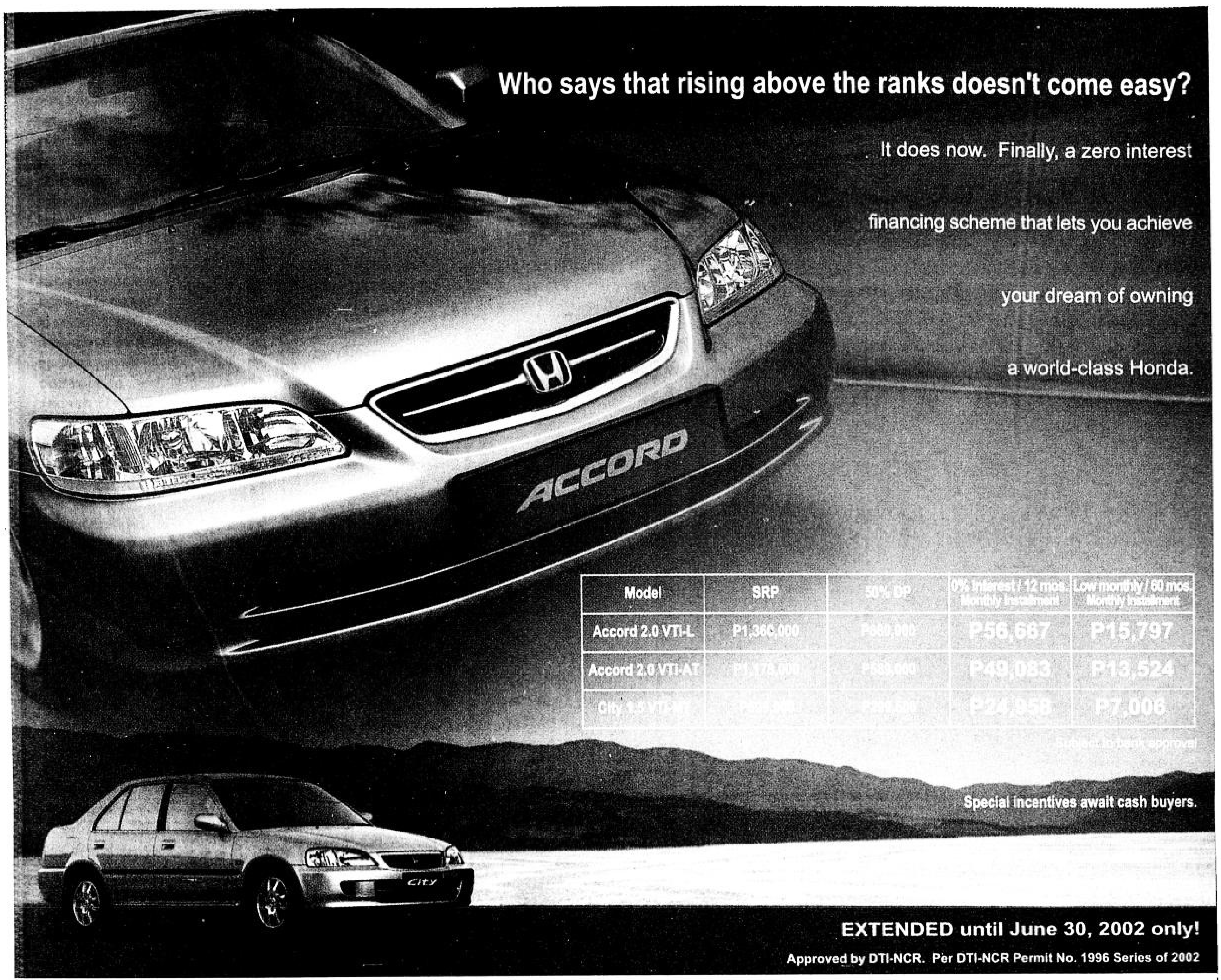
New Economy titans recently worshipped as the builders of global communications, computing networks and miraculous health cures find themselves hounded by prosecutors like Old Economy robber barons and bank swindlers.

Embattled lifestyle guru Martha Stewart, chief executive of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., summed up the roller-coast ride that corporate reputations have taken.

"I'm the CEO of a New York Stock Exchange-listed company and I don't want to be on any covers of any newspapers for a long, long time," Stewart said this week in a television interview as she responded to allegations of insider trading.

Shares of her company closed down 24 percent on Wednesday at $10.38 after reports that the home improvement star is being probed for obstruction of justice on her share dealings in biotech firm ImClone Systems Inc.

Sparking new fears of accounting scandals, WorldCom said on Tuesday that its chief financial officer had inflated cash flow and posted imaginary profits by booking routine expenses as capital investments. *Reuters*



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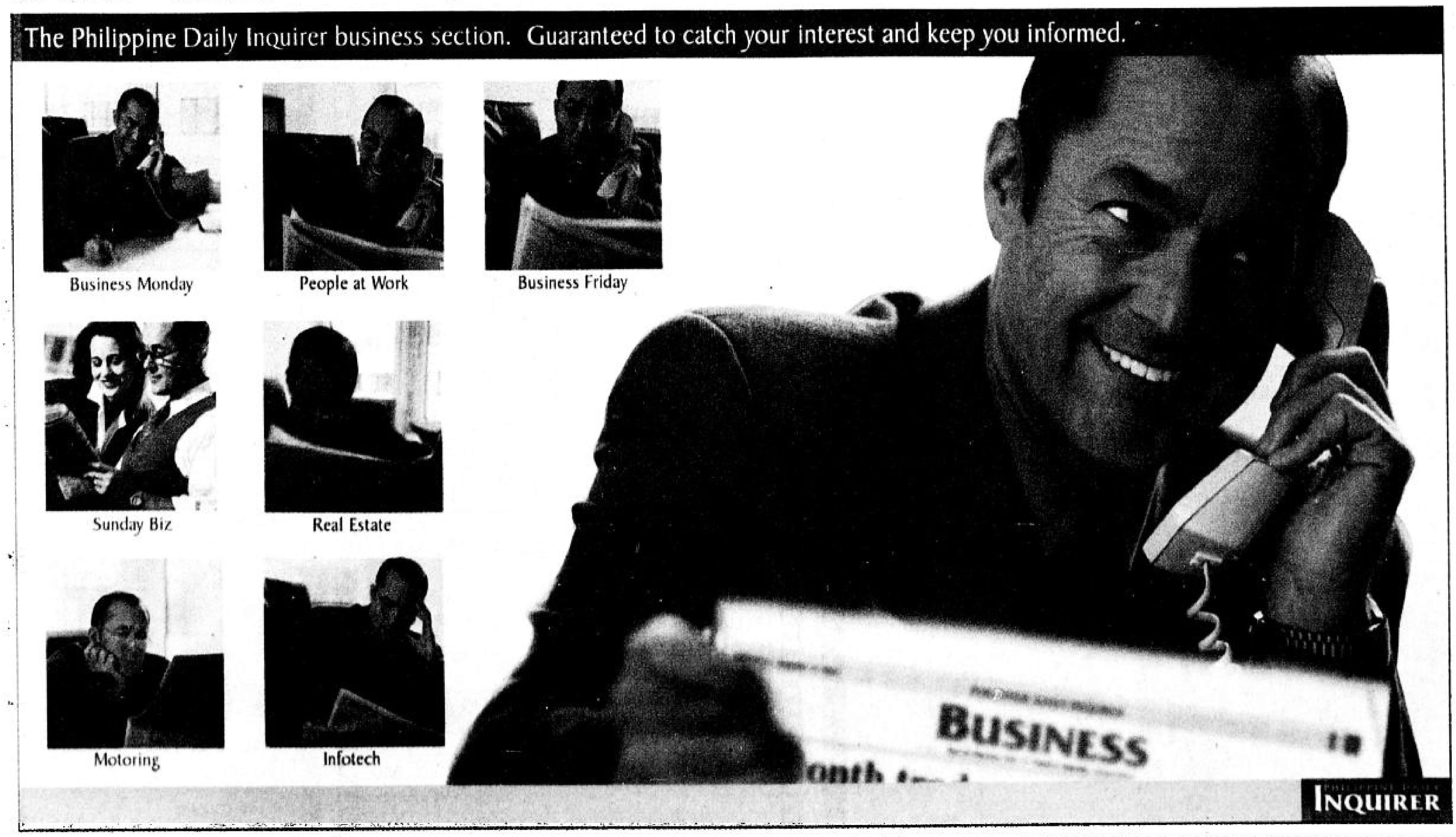

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Fed rates unchanged

WASHINGTON—Federal Reserve policymakers opted on Wednesday to keep US interest rates unchanged at four-decade lows, biding their time as they await signs a full-throttle economic recovery is in place.

Analysts said the decision to do nothing reflected the current free-floating anxiety in financial markets about the timing of a pick-up in activity but did not alter the picture of a gradually brightening outlook.

However, the modesty of the recovery coupled with market woes has a small but growing coterie of economists believing the central bank may not move rates at all this year.

The policymaking Federal Open Market Committee announced after a two-day meeting that it voted unanimously to keep its trendsetting federal funds rate target at 1.75 percent. The more symbolic discount rate, charged to banks for loans directly from the Fed, was also unmoved at 1.25 percent.

The widely expected decision came amid growing market unease and with the economy turning in an uneven performance.

In its statement, the Fed acknowledged the economy had softened after an inventory-led bounce in the first quarter. But it expressed cautious optimism about quarters to come.

"The committee expects the rate of increase of final demand to pick up over coming quarters, supported in part by robust underlying growth in productivity, but the degree of the strengthening remains uncertain," the statement said. ***Reuters***

Global economic recovery will be slow, uneven–UN

UNITED NATIONS—The world economic recovery, while stronger than expected just six months ago, will be slow and uneven and could be set back by conflict in the Middle East or Asia, the United Nations warned on Wednesday.

Helped by strong growth in a resurgent United States, the world's economy will grow about 1.75 percent this year, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs forecast in its latest survey. It forecast 3.25 percent growth next year.

The growth estimate is slightly below the 1.8 percent forecast issued in April, but still above the 1.5 percent prediction made in January.

While the recovery shows the resilience of the world's economy after last year, which saw growth of only 1.3 percent, the lowest in a decade, recovery will not be as fast or widespread as the downturn, the world body warned.

"Whereas the slowdown was rapid and embraced many countries, the recovery is expected to be both slow and less synchronized among economies," the United Nations said.

That growth could also be threatened by potential conflicts across the world.

"There's an unusually large number of uncertainties, all of which could have a very large impact," Ian Kinniburgh, the UN economist coordinating the survey, told reporters. "It's very difficult to guess which way it's going to go," he said, referring to tensions in the Middle East and between India and Pakistan.

The continuing slide in US stock markets, aggravated on Wednesday by the WorldCom Inc. accounting scandal, should not reverse the strong recovery in the United States, Kinniburgh said: "Inevitably it will have some dampening effect, but we are optimistic it will not cause a downturn."

World trade, measured as the volume of exports across the world, would also recover this year, the UN forecast, growing 2.25 percent this year and 6 percent next year.

In terms of gross domestic product, developed countries could expect only a modest recovery this year, the survey said, while economies in transition—mostly Eastern European countries—would see continued lower growth rates. ***Reuters***

Report says US economy on track

WASHINGTON—Record sales of new US homes and solid demand for durable goods were not enough to shake off economic recovery fears in financial markets rocked by the latest accounting scandal, but analysts remained confident the world's largest economy is on track.

New homes sold like hot cakes in May, the government said on Wednesday, far above expectations, as consumers poured money into housing instead of playing the falling stock market.

Durable goods orders rose in line with forecasts in a report welcomed by analysts as it contained signs of a modest pick-up in business spending, seen as crucial to a strong recovery.

However, the good news was ignored by financial markets, where stocks initially plunged after US telecommunications giant WorldCom Inc. revealed it had inflated its profits by $3.8 billion, one of the largest accounting scandals in history. ***Reuters***

Opec to keep oil output steady

VIENNA, Austria—The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will hold its official crude production steady for an additional three months, the cartel decided Wednesday, agreeing that world oil supplies are sufficient to meet the modest growth in demand it has forecast for the year.

Opec is satisfied with oil prices at current levels and has decided that it can best ensure they stay firm by not increasing output at this time. Opec plans to meet again in September to reassess market conditions and, if necessary, adjust its production then.

Opec officials announced the decision after meeting at the group's headquarters in the Austrian capital.

"Right now the market is in a good balance," Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ali Naimi told reporters before the meeting began. "There is no need for additional supply. The price is reasonable. Supply is adequate. Demand is OK." ***AP***

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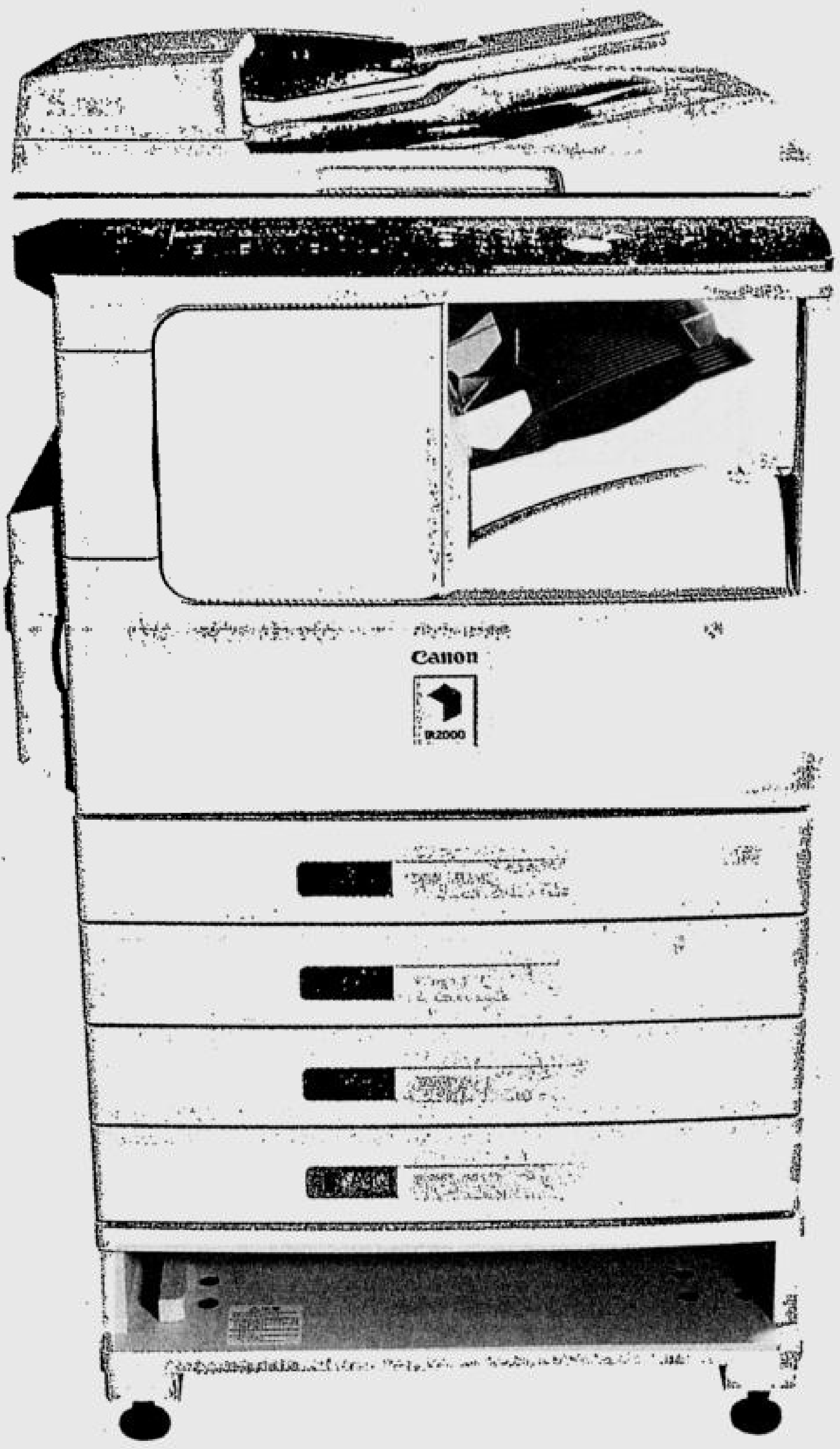

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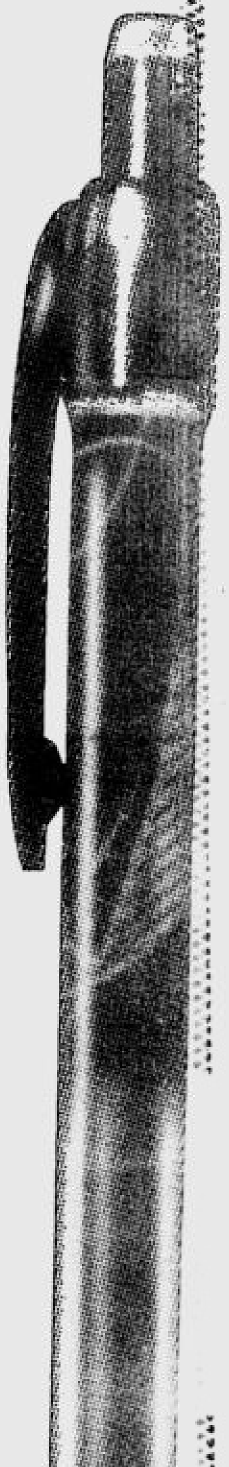

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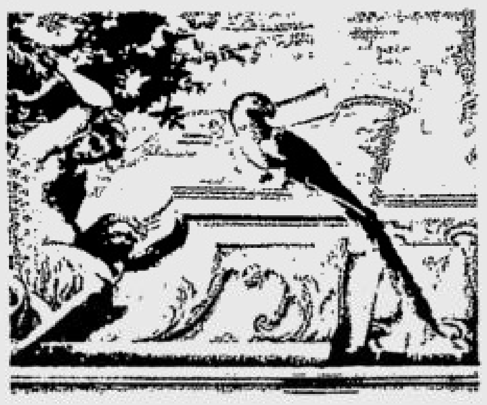

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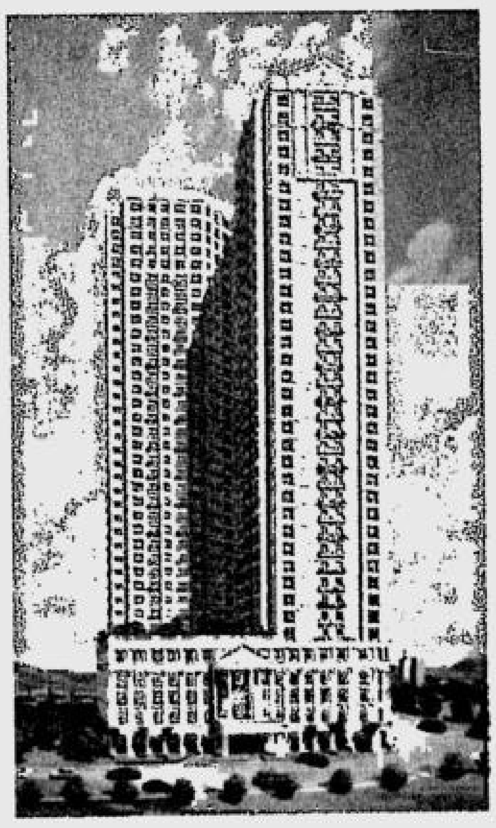

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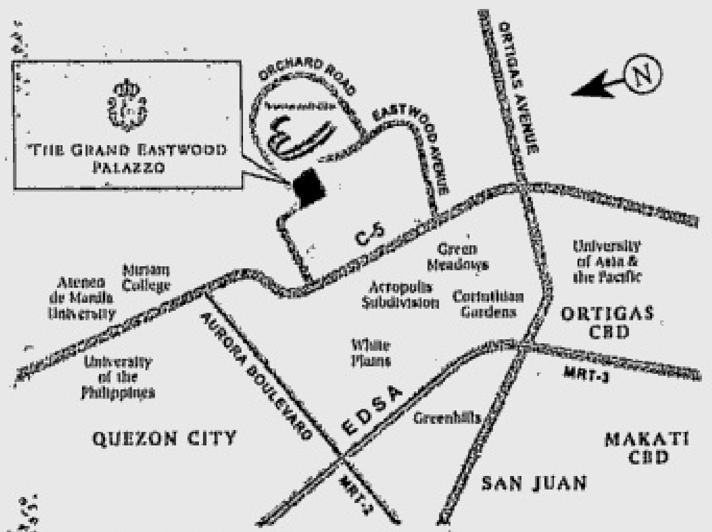
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BUSINESS*Friday*

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Creating a new product? Research, plan and listen

IN TODAY'S intensely competitive business environment, companies are constantly striking a balance between maintaining a competitive edge and realizing reasonable financial returns in the process.

Companies that fail to develop a steady stream of new products and services are exposing themselves to great risks. Their existing products are vulnerable to changing consumer needs and tastes, new technologies, shortened product life cycles and increased competition.

Grace Magno, marketing consultant for Philippine Pizza Inc. or Pizza Hut, acknowledges as much: "If you want your brand to continue to remain healthy, you have to get new customers all the time and you cannot do that if you just remain as is."

"There are many consumers out there and the question is how you are going to get them unless you find products that they like, accept and are looking for. Product innovation means you always have to have new and different things or the brand dies or becomes obsolete."

Magno will share more marketing wisdom as one of the keynote

CREATING/ C2

Asians see red over color-screen cell phones

SINGAPORE—Drab sales of color-screen handsets have left mobile phone retailer Eric Toh feeling rather blue.

"With the current economic slump, fewer people are keen to buy color-screen models," said Toh, who owns two outlets in Singapore. "More often than not, it's price before design or features."

Most handset makers believe color-screen and imaging phones will be instrumental in reviving flagging demand in saturated markets as economies stay sluggish.

But analysts are cautious about an immediate surge in sales of the new, feature-packed models as companies and individuals continue to tighten their belts amid tough times.

"Cost is the main stumbling block as this is not an essential good," said Gary Hong, an analyst at International Data Corp (IDC) Asia Pacific. "It's a nice-to-have."

Much of Asia is addicted to mobile phones, with data from operators showing Singapore has a penetration rate of about 76 percent, Hong Kong 86 percent and Taiwan nearly 100 percent.

But for consumers suffering from upgrade fatigue, a color or imaging phone may be a not-so-cheap thrill.

"Why do I need to have a camera on my phone or view photos with such a small screen?" Singaporean interior designer Low Jeng-wye said. "It's going to take quite a bit to convince me, especially since it's going to cost me a lot more."

Faith in color

At least two color-display phones are available widely in Singapore: Sony Ericsson's T68i, which provides multimedia messaging (MMS) so users can send pictures and sound with text messages, and Samsung Electronics' T100.

The T68i is priced at S$628 ($355) with an operator subsidy and about S$720 without. The T100 costs about S$800, or S$698 with a subsidy.

Top-seller Nokia, whose sole color model is the expensive 9210 combined phone and organizer, will make a bigger splash in the new market when it launches the 7650, with built-in digital camera, at the end of the month.

The Finnish company last week launched its 6610, a color-screen handset with high-speed data connections and enhanced messaging targeted at the business segment.

Swedish-Japanese joint venture Sony Ericsson, the world's fourth largest mobile maker, has also unveiled a new product lineup aimed at exciting users about picture messaging, with some models targeted at the mass market.

"We see the power of color, the power of imaging," Jan Wareby, Sony Ericsson's executive vice president, told Reuters at the CommunicAsia trade show in Singapore last week, echoing the optimism of many in the industry.

"We believe (this) will be a very powerful in grabbing share, despite sluggish market conditions."

South Korea's Samsung, the third largest handset maker, launched another two color-screen models at CommunicAsia.

No compelling content

Japanese users have been surfing the Internet and playing games on credit card-sized color screens since December 1999 after NTT DoCoMo launched its i-mode service.

DoCoMo, which rolled out i-mode in Taiwan last week, is taking the service—with 33 million users and 2,000 content providers in Japan—to overseas markets amid signs of slowing growth at home after two years of meteoric expansion.

In Europe, DoCoMo has launched i-mode-style services in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany, and will roll it out in France in a year.

"Markets like Japan and Korea which have seen rapid uptake of color phones are unique from the rest of Asia as their content and gaming services are more developed, making it more compelling to use high-speed data connections and MMS on such phones," said Davina Yeo, research manager with IDC Asia Pacific.

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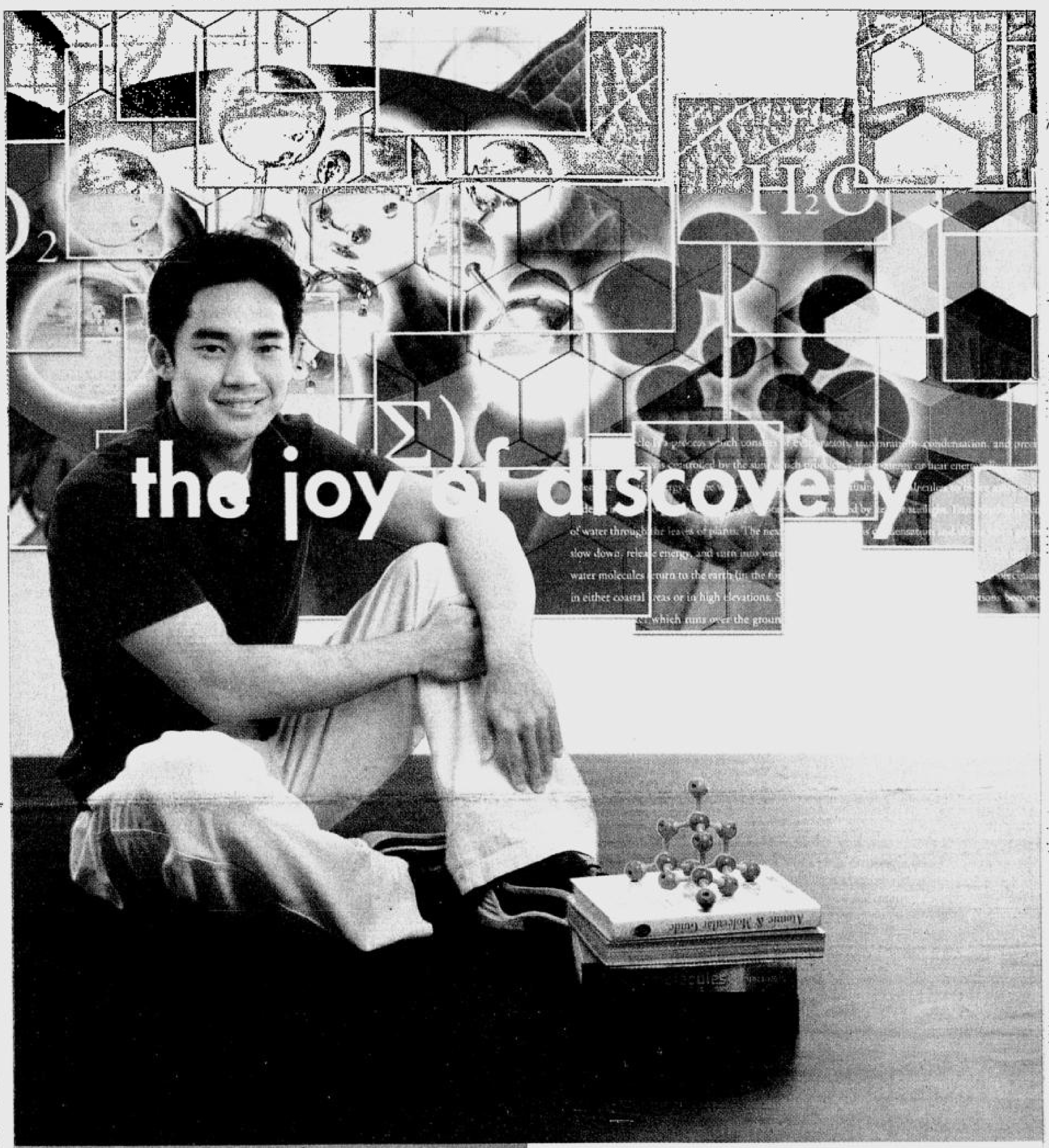

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speakers in the forthcoming 33rd National Marketing Conference (NMC) organized by the Philippine Marketing Association (PMA) on July 3-4, at the Westin Philippine Plaza.

The two-day conference will gather marketing professionals, businessmen and marketing educators who want to learn more about marketing management and various business approaches in the industry today.

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Through her talk, "Market Leadership Through Product Innovation," Magno will share how companies can create successful new products and services that deliver superior value to customers especially during the economic slump.

According to Magno, a firm can obtain new products through product innovation or new-product development. New products refer to original products, product improvements or modifications, and new brands that the firm develops through its own research and development efforts.

An example is Pizza Hut's latest product, the American Classic, a 14-inch pizza with soft dough which is positioned as a delivery product for big eaters with a small budget.

New product development

Magno stresses though that new products just don't happen, "It cannot be just in a whim or just because it became popular elsewhere in the world. It has to be local and should answer an issue or an opportunity in the local market."

New-product success starts with a company-wide culture that supports innovation, something which Philippine Pizza enjoyed from its parent company, Tricon, the world's largest food conglomerate. By adopting Tricon's strategies which have proven to be effective in introducing new products to the US market, Pizza Hut in the Philippines has learned to innovate its product offerings.

"We did a lot of research and we found out that Pizza Hut was a good brand. We realized that we needed to take one step further by introducing several new products. We just know that if we don't bring them out, someone else will," she says.

Magno shares that companies can find and develop new-product ideas from a variety of sources. They could generate ideas internally from their marketing managers, employees and salespeople and track competitors' offerings, new products, and analyze their performances in the market.

A lot of research and consumer insights are also needed in the new-product development process. Good ideas also come from watching and listening customers who often create new products and uses on their own. Companies then can benefit by researching on products that people need and want and by putting these on the market. Surveys and focus group discussions, analyzing customer questions and complaints can also pave the way for fresh ideas that will meet specific consumer needs.

"It is imperative that companies be market-oriented in their research efforts and not lose sight of the customer when developing new products," Magno says.

Risky business

While organizations must develop effective new-product and service strategies, they also need to know that new products can fail—the risks of innovation are as great as the rewards. And because so many new products fail, companies are anxious to learn how to improve their odds of new-product success.

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Are prizes, winnings and awards tax-free?

By Esther C. Lee-Trimañez
SGV & Co.

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WHO wants to be a millionaire? Most, if not all, Filipinos want to be millionaires. But how? Not too many know the ways. Other than slaving away at work for 12 to 16 hours a day until all your hair turns gray, a quicker alternative is offered by the TV networks: Be a contestant or a text partner in game shows and if Lady Luck happens to smile upon you, you might find yourself taking home a million pesos. So, "Game ka na ba?"

We see winners displaying ear-to-ear smiles in receiving prizes ranging from P10,000 to P2,000,000. But amidst all these winnings, not only do the winners take home the bacon; the government has its share as well in the form of taxes.

Tax on prizes and winnings

Section 24(B) of the 1997 Tax Code provides that a final tax at the rate of 20 percent is imposed upon prizes (except prizes amounting to P10,000 or less which shall be subject to tax under Section 24(A) of the same code), and other winnings (except Philippine Charity Sweepstakes and lotto winnings), derived from sources within the Philippines.

By final tax, we refer to the final withholding tax under Section 2.57 of Revenue Regulations No. 2-98, which implements the withholding of tax at source.

Under the final withholding tax system, the amount of income tax withheld by the withholding agent constitutes a full and final payment of the income tax due from the payee on the said income. The liability for the remittance of the tax to the BIR rests primarily on the payor as a withholding agent. As it is, the tax on prizes and winnings is imposed on the winner although the responsibility for the withholding of such tax is entrusted by law upon the payor. Thus, in case the payor fails to withhold the tax or in case of under-withholding, the deficiency tax shall be collected from the payor/withholding agent. The payee is not required to file an income tax return for the particular income.

Taxable prizes cover those won in commercial or non-commercial contests but not prizes awarded to persons because of national or international achievements in literature, science and arts.

Taxable winnings include winnings in games of chance and games of skill although they may be regulated or even prohibited by law, but not Philippine Charity Sweepstakes winnings.

Thus, if one wins P100,000 in a raffle promo, such prize would be subject to the 20-percent final tax to be withheld and remitted to the government by the sponsor/organizer of the raffle project. The winner receives P80,000 (net of the 20-percent final tax) and need not report such winnings in his/her individual income tax return. If however, the winner only gets the consolation prize of P10,000, the 20-percent final tax will not be imposed on such prize but the recipient will have to report the P10,000 as income subject to income tax. In which case, the prize shall form part of the taxable income of the winner under Section 24(A) of the Tax Code and shall be taxed in accordance with the following rates: ***(See table.)***

Not over P10,000	5%
Over P10,000 but not over P30,000	P500+10% of the excess over P10,000
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Over P140,000 but not over P250,000	P22,500+25% of the excess over P140,000
Over P250,000 but not over P500,000	P50,000+30% of the excess over P250,000
Over P500,000	P125,000+32% of the excess over P500,000

In like manner, if one wins P2,000,000 in "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," the winnings will be subject to the 20-percent final tax to be withheld by the TV organizers. But if the P2,000,000 is won at the lotto or the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes, the entire amount is exempt from income tax and withholding tax.

Simply put, except for sweepstakes and lotto winnings which are exempt from tax, prizes and winnings are subject to either the final tax of 20 percent or the regular income tax. Unless the sponsors/organizers declare the prizes and winnings to be tax-free, which mean the sponsors/organizers will shoulder the tax burden, the tax will be borne by the winner-recipient.

Exclusions

While generally, the prizes and winnings are subject to the 20 percent final tax, the Tax Code grants certain exceptions.

Section 32(B)(7)(c) and (d) provides that certain prizes and awards will not be included in gross income and shall be exempt from taxation.

These pertain to:

(a) prizes and awards made primarily in recognition of religious, charitable, scientific, educational, artistic, literary, or civic achievement but only if: (i) The recipient was selected without any action on his part to enter the contest or proceeding; and (ii) The recipient is not required to render substantial future services as a condition to receiving the prize or award; and

(b) Prizes and awards in sports competition—All prizes and awards granted to athletes in local and international sports competitions and tournaments whether held in the Philippines or abroad and sanctioned by their national sports associations.

Hence, a Ramon Magsaysay awardee, or a Nobel or Pulitzer Prize winner need not include the prize in his/her gross income.

Also, the prizes and awards received by athletes in local and international sports competitions sanctioned by their respective national sports associations and duly credited by the Philippine Olympic Committee are exempt from income and withholding taxes as well.

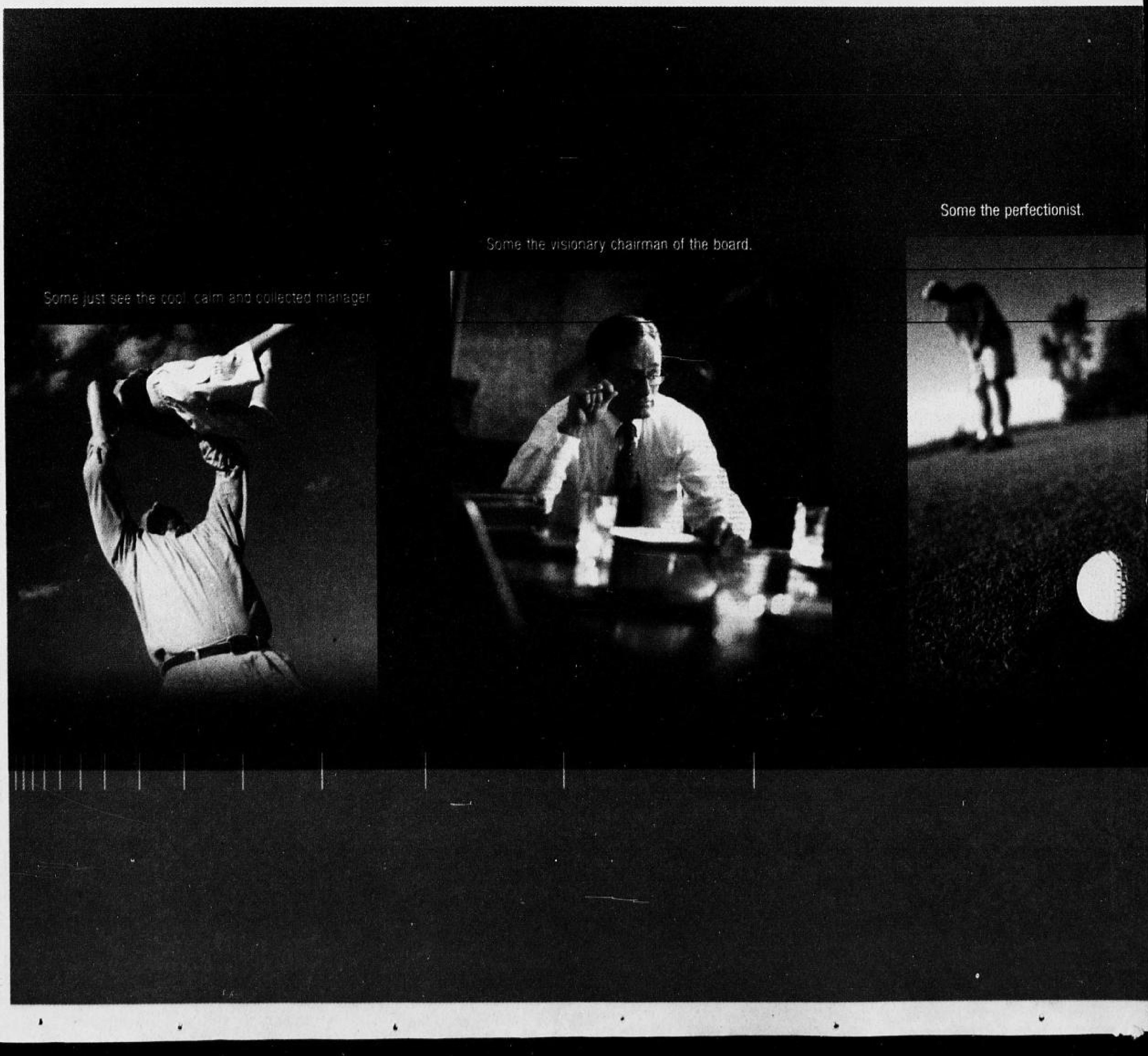
Non-cash prizes

What if the winnings constitute non-cash prizes? Would the prizes still be subjected to the 20-percent final tax? The Bureau of Internal Revenue held that the winner is still subject to a final tax of 20 percent based on the fair market value of the prize which should be withheld by the organizer as withholding agent in the same manner and subject to the same conditions.

Thus, if Juan de la Cruz wins the living room showcase in "The Price is Right," the 20-percent final tax shall be based on the fair market value of the said showcase and such tax should be withheld by the organizer.

But if the winner is not an individual but a corporation, the 20-percent final tax for prizes and winnings (irrespective of the amount) is not applicable. In the hands of the corporate-winner, the prize or winning shall, instead, be subject to the 32-percent corporate income tax rate under Section 27(A) of the same code. (BIR Ruling No. 005-01)

So now, before you go rushing off to become a game show contestant aiming to be the next millionaire, don't be surprised when the government exacts its share in your prizes and winnings.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care when they go to a restaurant what kind of ketchup is served," Andrews said.

"This is just kind of reinforcing the fact that it does make a difference, and encouraging . . . consumers to let the restaurant know that they do prefer Heinz."

In one TV spot, for example, a couple sits down to dinner in a restaurant, when the husband complains that dinner is not what he expected. After the wife prompts him to send it back, he realizes that it's the ketchup, not the meal, that is causing his distress. After he asks to have his ketchup replaced with Heinz, other tables follow suit.

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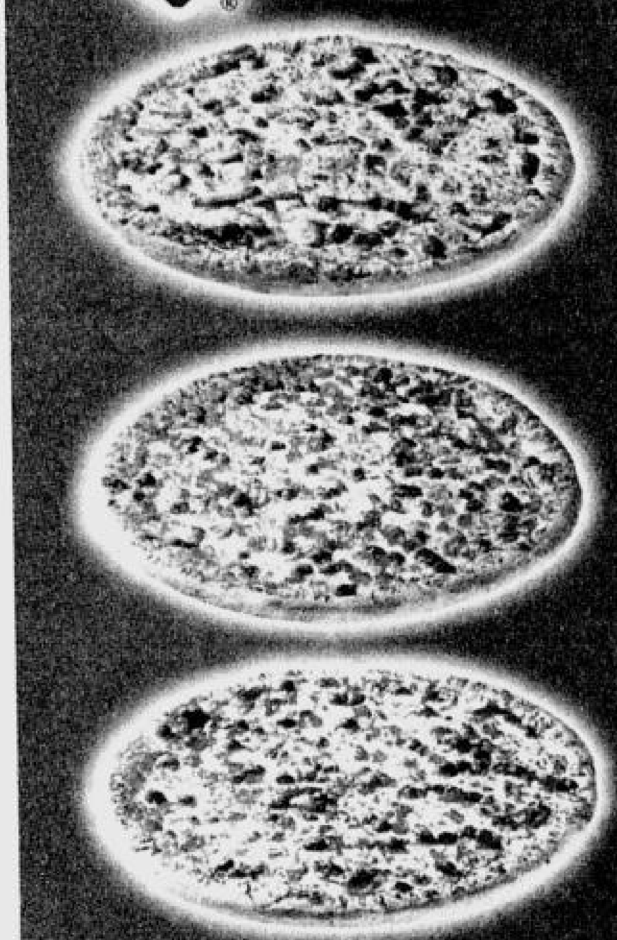

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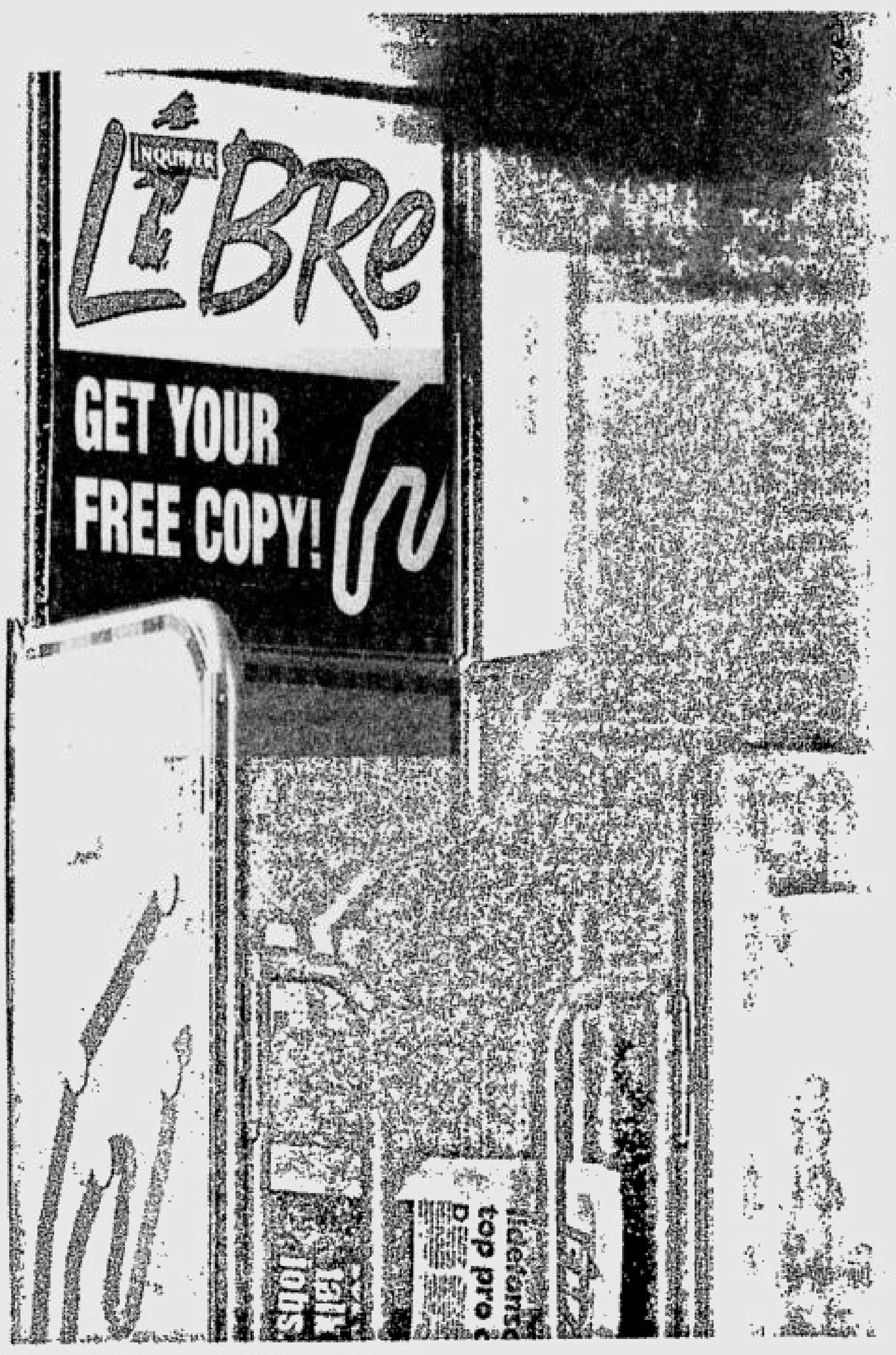

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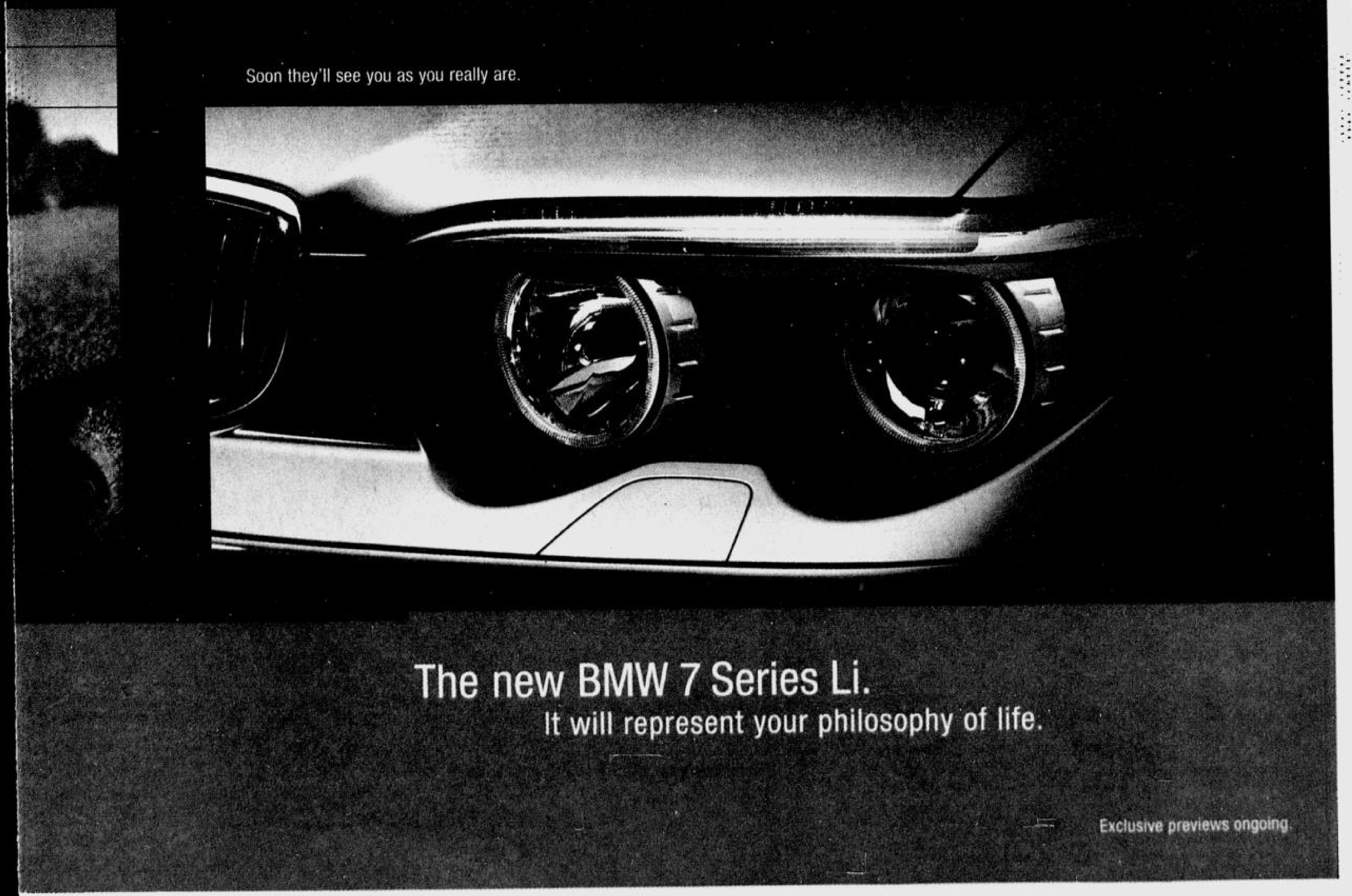

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Soaps and shampoo lather up good sales

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

ONE noticeable trait about the Filipino is his hygiene practices. Most Filipinos, regardless of class, take a bath at least twice a day.

This is one reason why multinational companies selling personal care products such as Unilever and Procter & Gamble consider the Philippines, with its 76 million inhabitants, one of their most important markets in Asia.

This reason in turns results in fierce competition.

Unilever, P&G and the other consumer care companies such as Colgate Palmolive, Johnson and Johnson and local firms such as the Metrolab group, cannot expect anything less as Filipinos consider hygiene items such as soap, shampoo and detergents priority products.

Industry figures obtained by the INQUIRER showed that the shampoo category posted the biggest sales as of January 2002 with revenues reaching P591 million, from P569 million in the same period last year.

Unilever accounted for 47.2 percent of the market with its brands Sunsilk (27.7 percent), Lux (9.7 percent) and Vaseline (9.9 percent).

Procter & Gamble came second with a 36.6-percent market share as of January this year through its brands Pantene, Rejoice, Ivory, Head and Shoulders and Ascend.

Colgate follows with Palmolive, Optima, Gard and Tender Care and last came Johnson & Johnson with a market share of only 1.6 percent.

A separate study by the Retail Measurement Services Division of research firm AC Nielsen Philippines Inc., however, showed that the shampoo market has actually remained stagnant over the past two years, due to the economic crisis that reduced the Filipinos' spending power.

Price increase

AC Nielsen's figures showed that the volume of shampoo sold over the past two years increased by only 2 percent. The peso value managed to increase by 10.5 percent, but it was only due to price increases especially among the major shampoo brands.

The personal cleansing soap category came next with sales increasing to P445 million as of January this year from P391 million in the same period last year.

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE centered its advertising budget on the Palmolive brand.

Procter & Gamble is the market leader in this category with a 54.8-percent share of the market, according to industry figures, with its Safeguard brand accounting for 46.1 percent which means that almost one out of every two soaps sold in the market is a Safeguard.

Its other brands are Ivory (3.2 percent) and Zest (5.5 percent).

Colgate-Palmolive came next with a 13.7-percent share of the market, most of which are under the Palmolive brands. Its other brand Tender Care accounted for only 2.7 percent of the market as of January.

Unilever follows with a 10.1-percent share of the Philippine market. Its strongest brands are Lifebuoy (7 percent), Lux (1.5 percent) and Dove (1.6 percent). Johnson and Johnson follows with a 4.9-percent share.

Other leading soaps are Heno de Pravia, Bioderm, Likas (a local soap made from natural extracts) and Extraderm.

The hair conditioner market is also a large one in the Philippines as the hot weather causes the hair to go dry. Sales as of January reached P158 million, 2.5 percent higher than last year's P154 million.

Unilever is the undisputed leader in this category with its CreamSilk conditioner accounting for 79.6-percent share of the market. Procter and Gamble's brands accounted for a combined 14.7 percent with Pantene getting 9.5-percent share followed by Ascend, 3.6 percent and Ivory, 1.6 percent.

Colgate-Palmolive accounted for 4.4 percent while all other companies split the remaining 1.3 percent.

Deodorants closely follow hair conditioners in revenues with sales reaching P108 million from P83 million last year.

LUX shampoo accounts for 9.7 percent of the shampoo market

The market is almost equally divided between Unilever and Procter & Gamble with P&G getting a slight edge of 42.5 percent as against its rival's 42.4 percent.

Unilever's Rexona, however, is the leading brand in the market with a 34.2 percent of the market. Other leading brands are P&G's Secret, Safeguard, Old Spice, Axe, Block and White and Master.

For the laundry soap (detergent) market, the study by AC Nielsen showed that value of sales increased by 6 percent, while the volume or the quantity of detergent bought shrank by 3 percent due to the decline in bar soap sales.

AC Nielsen said that powder brands, which are relatively priced higher than bar detergents, gained greater popularity and usage among local consumers as compared to previous years.

AC Nielsen's executive director Esther J. Capistrano said in an interview that the leading companies selling consumer goods perked up the market and enticed sales to go up through launches of new variants and relaunches of old categories.

This was seen in the list of top 10 product categories that advertised last year in print, radio and television. Hair shampoo brands was the second highest category with advertising budget increasing by 18.1 percent last year. (Telecoms was the biggest spender). Advertising of detergents, on the other hand, was the eighth highest but the value declined by 3.8 percent.

Top advertiser

Another evidence was the list of top 10 brands that advertised last year. AC Nielsen's data on advertising showed that Sunsilk was the second top advertised brand with P1 billion in ad spending, which was attributed to the branding campaign of Unilever to maintain top spot. (PLDT had the biggest budget with P1.8 billion). Sunsilk's budget rose by 2.6 percent.

Following Sunsilk was Vaseline with an advertising budget rising by 14.6 percent to about P700 million. But the biggest increase was seen in the support for Safeguard soap with advertising budget almost doubling last year to P500 million. It was also the fourth most advertised brand.

Other top brands were Close-up (tooth paste) and the Rejoice shampoo.

Among companies, Unilever and Procter & Gamble were the top advertisers although Unilever's advertising budget was down 10.7 percent while P&G's rose by 61.4 percent. Colgate Palmolive also increased its budget by 60.2 percent.

Moving on, AC Nielsen sees the multinational companies going for more sachets or packet sizes over bottles to win market share. The marketing firm noted that sales of sachets have shadowed the sales of bottles or large packs because of the decreased purchasing power of Filipinos.

Heinz ads spotlight restaurant business

PITTSBURGH—H.J. Heinz Co., the world's biggest ketchup maker, on Monday said it launched its first mainstream advertising campaign to support a big, but largely invisible side of its ketchup business—sales to restaurants, hotels and other institutions.

The "Insist On Heinz" campaign, produced by ad agency Ten/United of Pittsburgh, encourages customers to ask for their favorite ketchup when dining out. In a company-backed survey, Heinz said that 80 percent of customers with a favorite ketchup brand chose Heinz.

The tagline, "A good meal out deserves a great ketchup. Insist on Heinz," is used throughout national cable television, print and billboard ads that launch this week, Deborah Andrews, general manager for Heinz institutional business, told Reuters.

The multimillion-dollar campaign will run through October.

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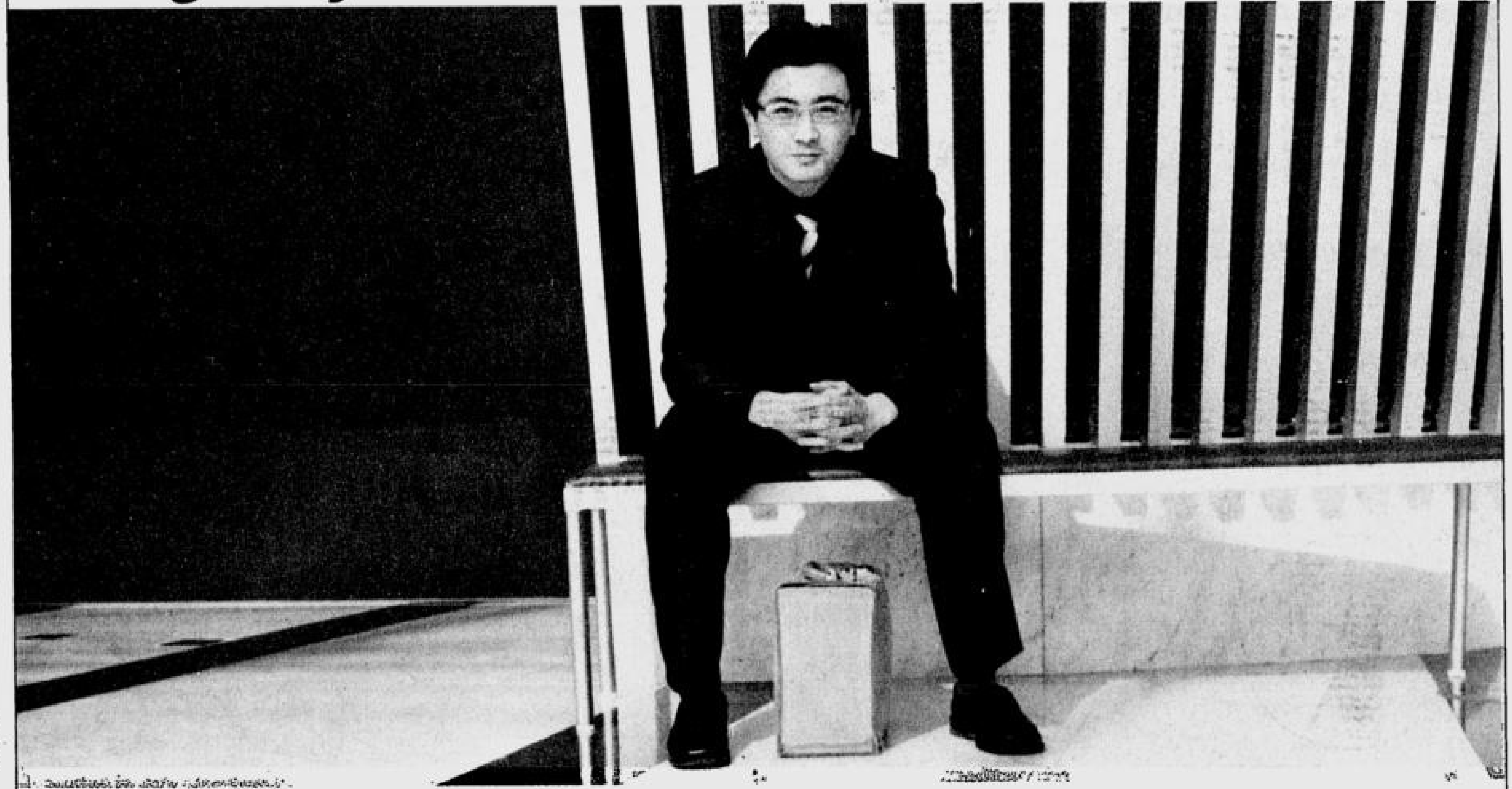

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With Malacañang bedecked in tasteful splendor, the reception for the wedding of the year was a display of class and distinction

Text and photos by Tim Yap

SO who says Palace weddings are boring?

During last Monday's most celebrated union of Mikey Arroyo and Angela Montenegro,. the guests, an exclusive roster of the nation's A-listers—numbering 1,200—happily raised a glass to the blissfully wed couple—and there was hardly any boredom in their toast.

That night, Malacañang had a festive air to it. Despite the strict security, the atmosphere was relaxed.

As early as 6 p.m., guests started pouring into the Palace. They knew the President was as punctual as your high-school teacher.

True enough, at a quarter past 6, Mikey and Angela were busy entertaining their guests, coming straight from the after-wedding family photo session.

Upon alighting from their cars, guests were ushered to the reception on a red carpet lined with candle-bearing angel figurines. The Malacañang garden was spruced up with 17 tents decorated with antique chandeliers and Venetian glass ornaments—a backdrop straight out of a Hollywood movie.

Inside, the inimitible Dr. Eleuterio Pascual had chicly decorated the Palace with his vintage pieces—27 torchier candelabras, 70 tabletop Empire candelabras that he filled with 1,500 stems of orchids and 3,000 white roses. That might sound extravagant, but with the size of the Palace halls, it all seemed very tasteful and elegant.

Aside from the ministage set up for the performers (the ubiquitous Ernie Pasamba ensemble), a seven-layer, 8 ft wedding cake stood majestically like a mini Eiffel Tower on the side.

It was made of carrot walnut and ecru fondant that Penk Ching of Pastry Bin based on the design of Angela's wedding gown designed by Joe Salazar. A quilling method using thin strips of gum paste were

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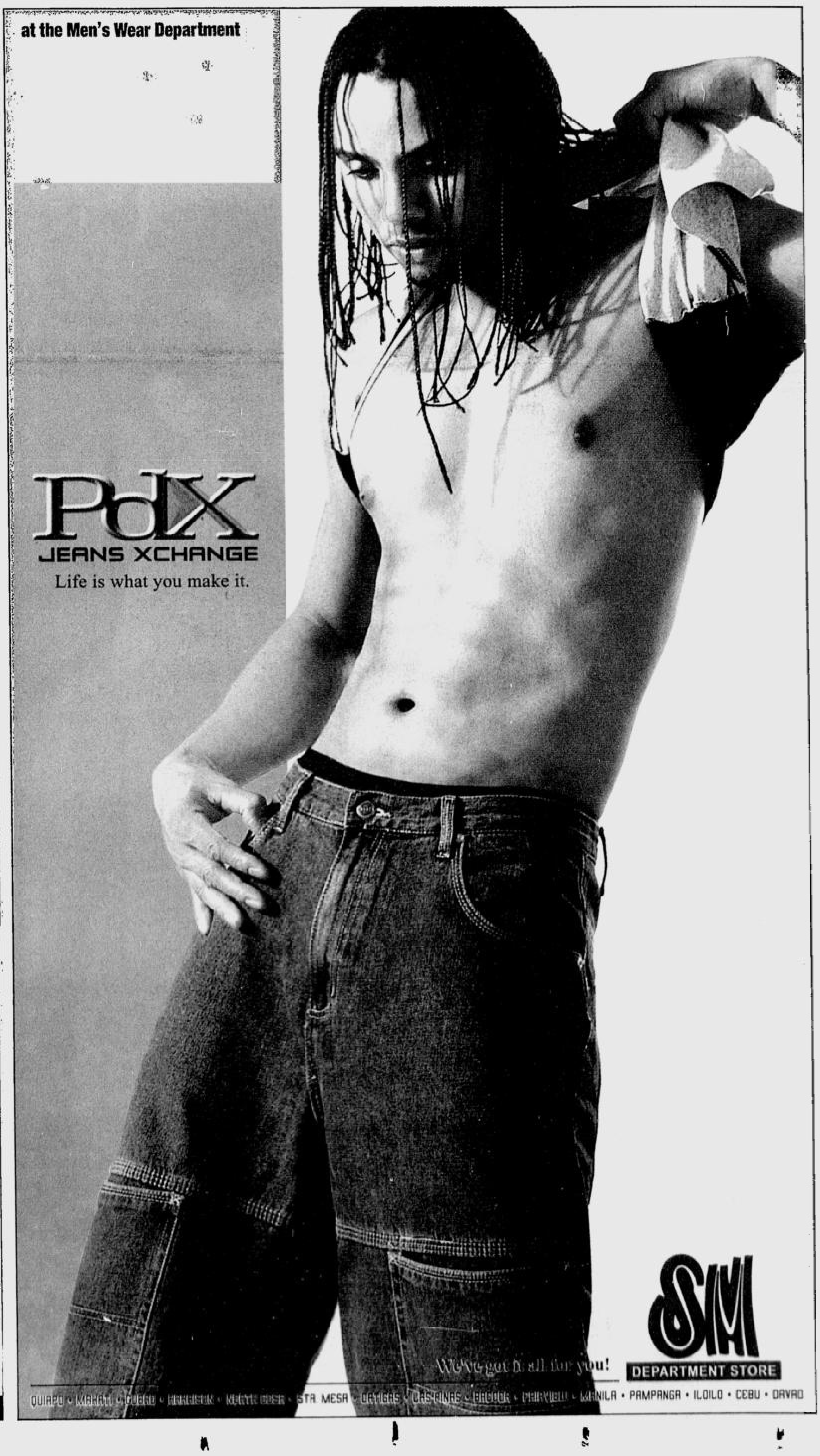

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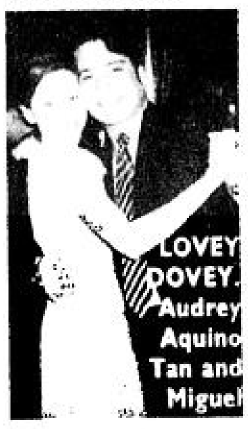
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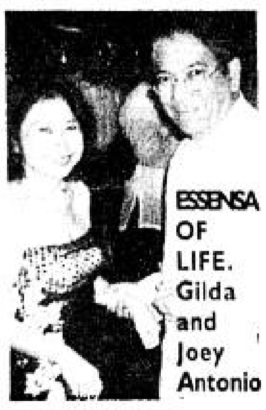
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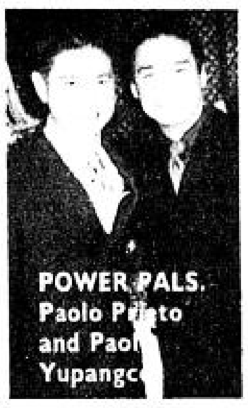
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Some enchanted evening

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made into flowers to outline the design. It was decorated with Holland flowers—peonies, green hydrangea, lilies of the valley, tulips and green roses—it all sounded salad to me.

Instead of the standard sit-down dinner, the couple made it a happening cocktail party, with the Manila Hotel and Gaita Fores' popular Cibo filling the banquet halls. Each state dining room had a particular food theme.

The guests were given the choice which hall to pick. One hall had sushi, pasta and oysters. There was a smoked tuna and salmon table, as well as a Peking duck and jamon Serrano carving table. There was a room that was all cheese and dessert. To complete the equation, wine and champagne flowed freely the whole night.

The guests were in a parade of colors and cuts whose brilliance would blind the eyes. Gem colors like emerald, ruby, amethyst and amber filled the halls as the female guests—from premier government figures to political wives and society mavens—completed the head count.

Joe Salazar emerged the night's hands-down winner, with over 30 outfits—each unique—donned by the most prominent women of society.

THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG. The President and the First Gentleman share a moment at their son's wedding.

Angela wore a modern Maria Clara without sleeves, with a very practical detachable *panuelo*. For the reception, she changed into a five-ply silk organza bustier gown, which accentuated her regal stance, every inch looking like a happy princess.

The President, despite her diminutive frame, stood out in a Joe Salazar shift dress made of satin in bottle green, with black velvet on the sleeves accentuated by Swarovski stones—it made her look 6 feet tall.

Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste, who wore a Salazar in the morning ceremony and changed to a Rajo Laurel sari gown in fuchsia at night, was a standout because of her regal presence.

Luli Arroyo wore the same light-green gown from morning to night. She took off the *panuelo* for the Palace party though.

Young society had Tina Pamintuan and Ingrid Go in white. Rose Montenegro and Ella Adad-Montenegro (the former actress Ana Roces) were in purple and fuchsia Salazars, respectively.

Celine Gabriel wore a deconstructed top by Patrice Ramos-Diaz and a skirt by Rhett Eala. In a night where everyone was polished, she looked the most chic.

Mons Romulo-Tantoco wore a Joe Salazar bustier serpentina gown, with crushed taffetas on the bodice accented by fuchsia taffeta under the silver gray material that cascaded to the floor, like a train worthy of a presidential mermaid.

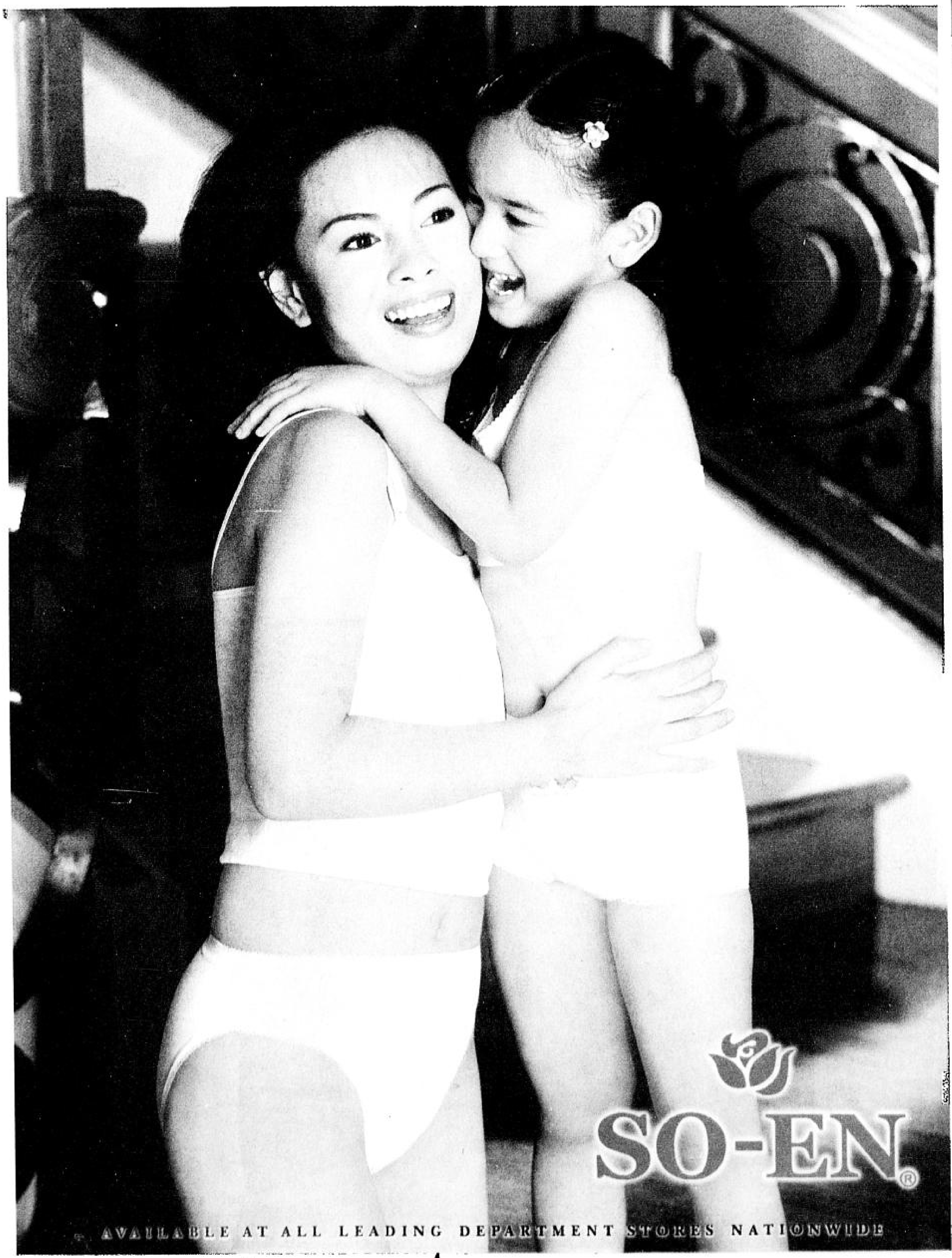
Two women, both in-laws of Chinoise taipans, wore the same outfits—a moss-green BCBG by Max Azria dress with a black train. They stayed as far as possible from each other.

The bands Moise and Groove took turns in making everyone hit the dance floor. Couples of the night (aside from the bride and groom, of course) were Finance Sec. Lito Camacho and wife Kim, and GMA and Mike, who swung, samba-ed and cha-cha-ed the night away.

"We're very happy, very, very happy!" was all Mikey and Angela Montenegro-Arroyo could say as they hugged each other.

YOUNG SOCIETY. Gutsy Tuason, Tina Pamintuan and Raj Moreno

FAB FAMILY. Secretary Lito Camacho, lovely wife Kim and daughter Bea



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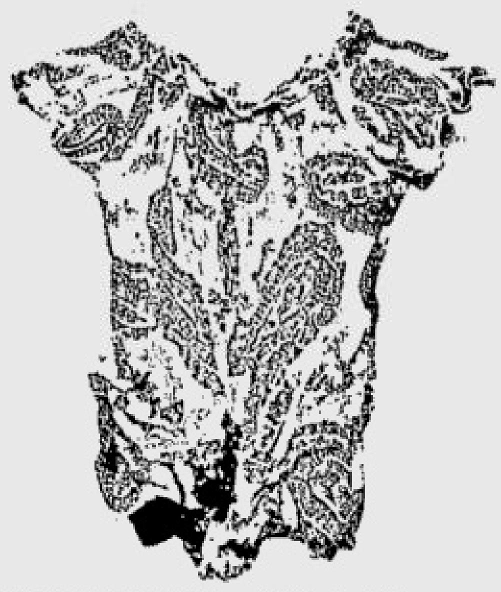
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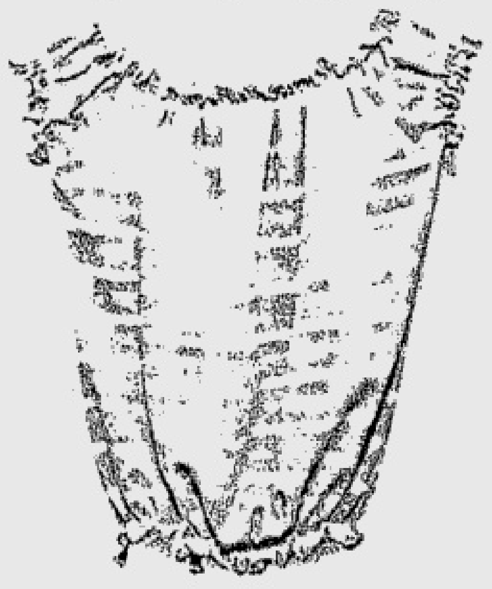
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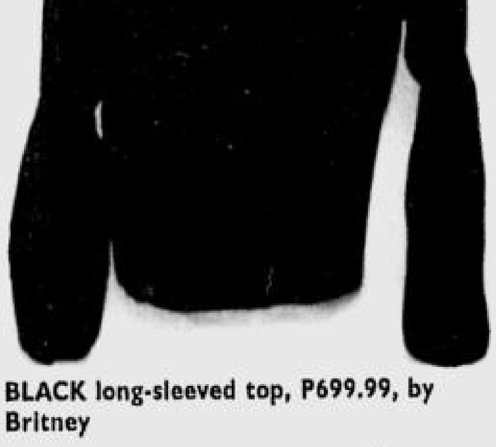
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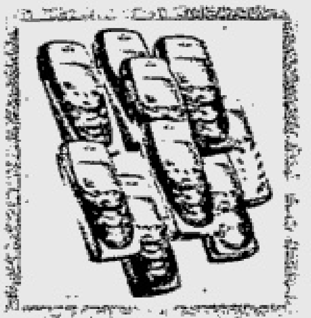
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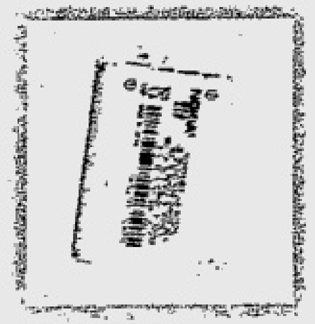
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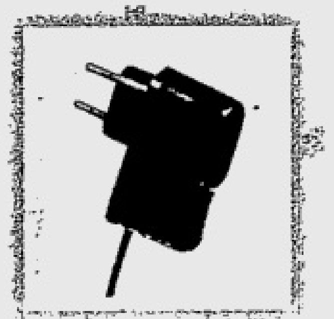
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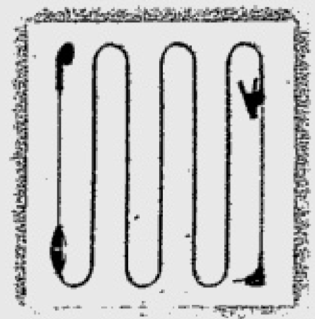
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The poncho packs a punch

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Aime: Paris in London

By Kitty Go
Contributor

THERE are many things in the area of fashion that I refuse to share—the labels I prefer, the scents I use and, most of all, where I shop.

However, the journalist in me cannot resist telling all. The fashion iconoclast in me fears that people will have the same things I have. But then, am I so confident of my good taste that I feel what I buy now will be the next big thing? Certainly not.

However, there is such a thing as a proven track record, and, so far, Aime (32 Ledbury Road, London W11; Ph +44-207-221-7070; www.aimelondon.com) has guided me. It is the last word in French style right in Notting Hill Gate.

In the tradition of owner-run and merchandised stores like Colette and Maria Luisa in Paris, the early Joyce stores in Hong Kong, the former Charivari in New York and Theodore in Los Angeles, Val and Vondra Heng Vong have created a showplace for French fashion, décor, art, music and arts de vivre. Aime caters to a continental niche market by carrying only French goods and "introducing London to cutting-edge Paris creativity, not found in London."

The shop is on two levels furnished with Domeau-Peres pieces, which are for sale. Artwork on the walls changes constantly as new artists are introduced. Aime's private label candles or room fragrances from Esteban waft throughout the store.

THE LAST WORD IN FRENCH STYLE. In London, Aime harmoniously merchandises up-and-coming designers with established names.

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THE SIMPLE and unpretentious exterior gives way to a treasure trove of hip French style.

Funky French grooves such as those from Radio Nova, Dimitri and Laurent Garnier play unobstrusively in the background. Christian Tortu glassware gets the same casual display as silver ID plates on stretch bracelets. I also got my first introduction to Mariage Freres tea here.

Ahead of the pack

Val describes Aime's customers as feminine, original, fashion-conscious but not obsessed. They want to feel good and look great in their clothes. The clothing lines the store carries are not exactly the season's must-have labels. Nor are the styles splattered on every international fashion magazine. Aime, though, has had its days in the sun with credits in British Vogue.

On my last visit, I rattled off to Val how they had been ahead of the fashion pack in several key looks over the last year: Ursule Beaugeste fringed bag (got that maybe two years ago and agonized over the price), fringed leather jacket from Bali Barret (got that last year on sale!), Isabel Marant multi-striped trousers (bought that last winter), fitted short jackets (they've had them forever) and clam-digger trousers from Barbara Bui before anyone knew they had ankles.

"When we have things before everyone, it's not on purpose. We just follow our test run and buy what we like without knowing it's going to be trendy," she admits.

What's next? Ballet slippers? They have them in store for this summer.

Aime is not exactly a store that sells cutting-edge conversation pieces you can only wear once. Nor do they carry certain designers for only a few seasons.

The store prides itself in mixing up-and-coming names with products of final-year design students and established but not exactly household names, like Le Prairies des Paris, because of the feminine but not too girly details; and Isabel Marant, because the line suits women of all ages and "the clothes are really original, without going out of fashion the year after. You can mix a top from a previous season with a skirt from the new collection and it will look great," says Val. Another popular label is Claudie Pierlot, who does moderately priced basics very much like Agnes b.

Barbara Bui does great jackets and even better pants. Without fail, they will fit well. A line they have introduced is Impase de la Defense, which features vintage and hand-painted pieces sewn to make a new garment. The sisters are also banking on the Sonia line from Sonia Rykiel, because of the great colors.

This winter, they unveil their new venture into private label with "a really fitted, well-cut jacket you can wear with everything" and a detailed A-line skirt. They also love cashmere as much as I do, and their new Aime private label cashmere sweaters epitomize the store's look of "classic but glamorous."

But the ultimate Aime statement has to come from Val: "Always invest in classic clothes. We spend our money on something we can wear all the time, without thinking 'What am I gonna wear with it?' or something really, really special and worth the money, for example, a handmade lace blouse from Isabel Marant."

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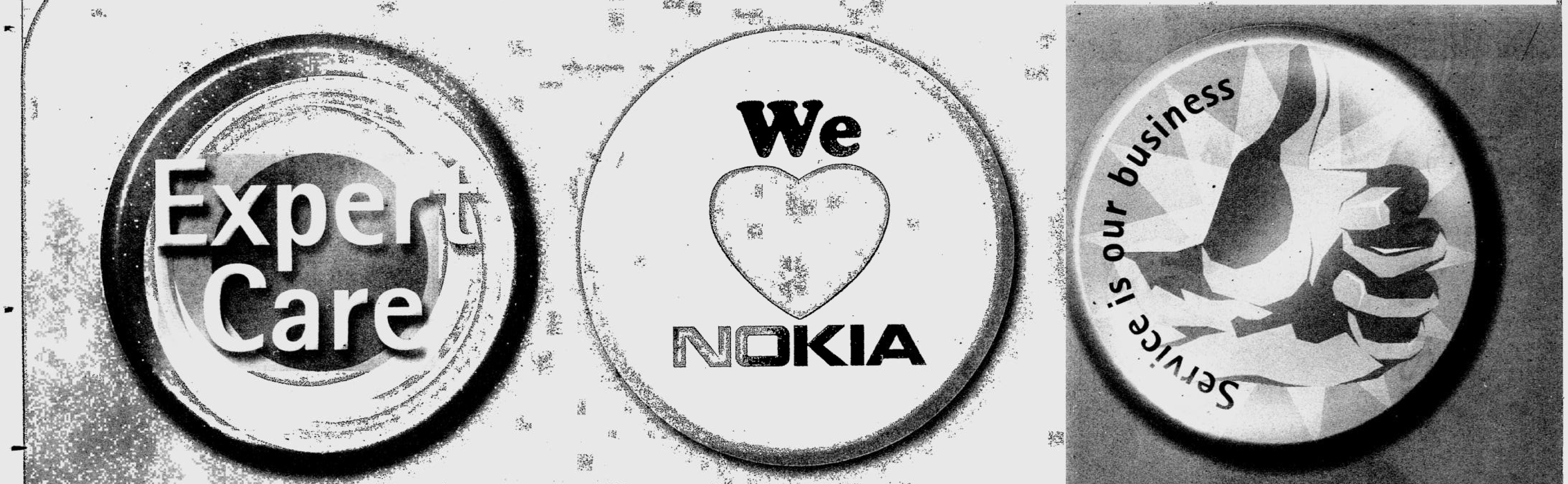

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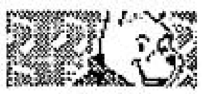
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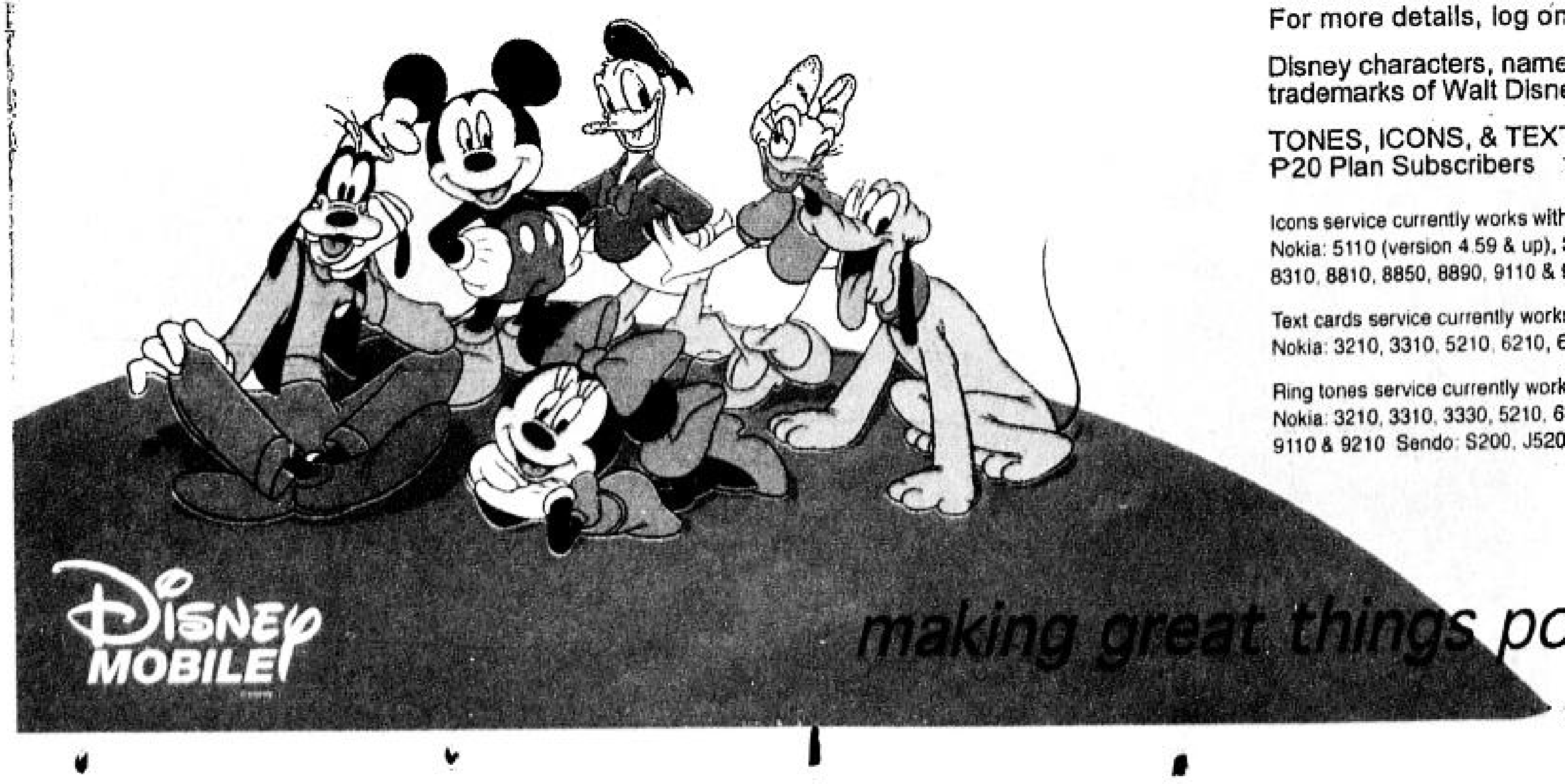

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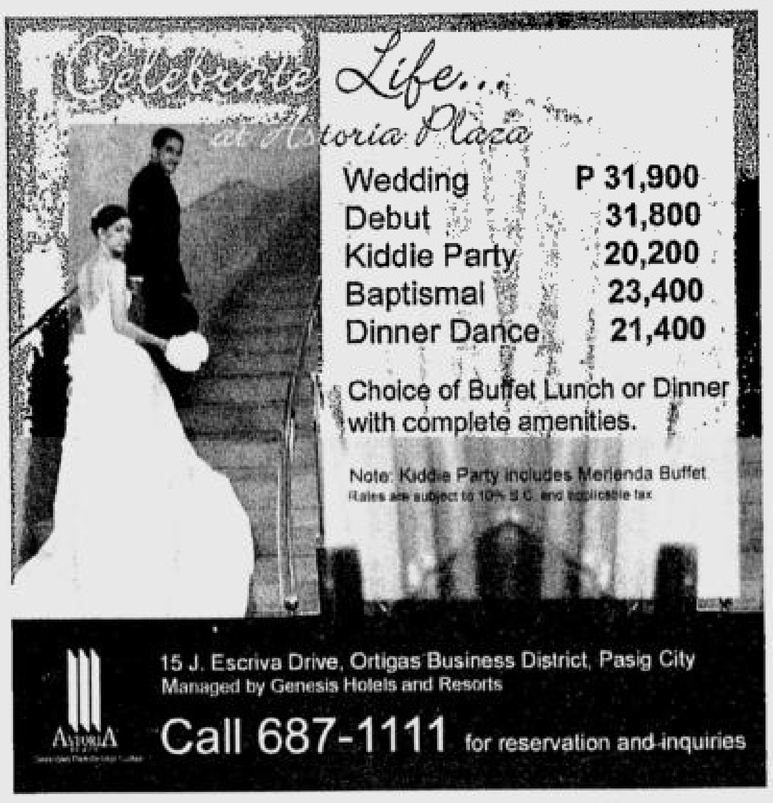

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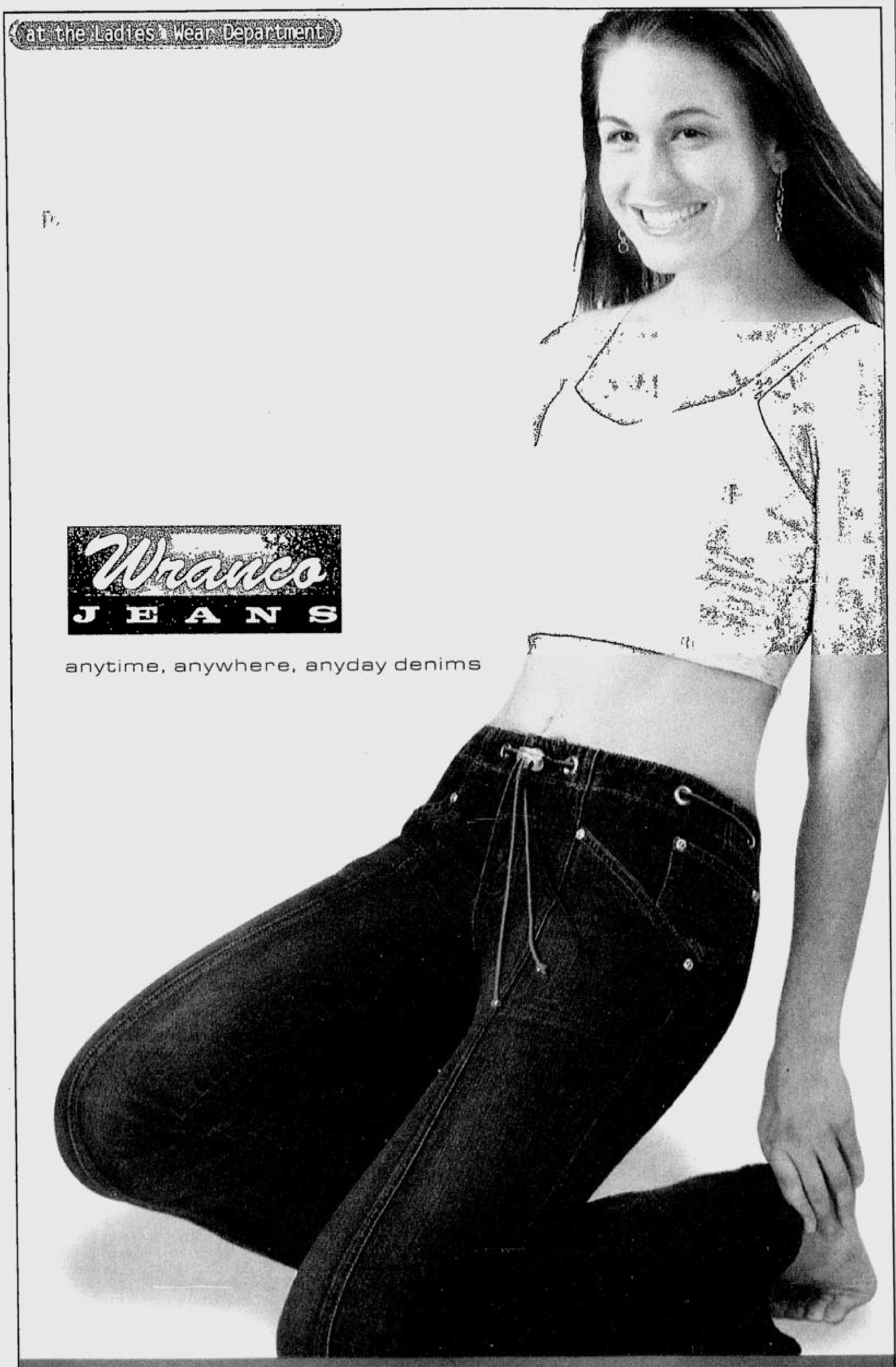

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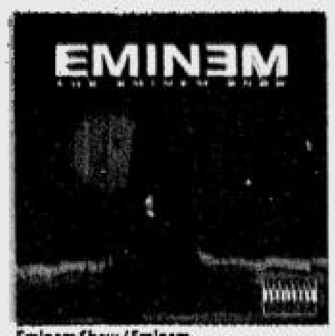

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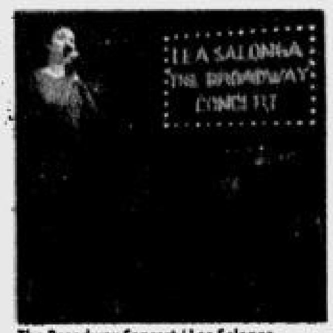

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The eternal youth of Doreen Fernandez

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Thelma Sioson San Juan

WHEN **Doreen Fernandez** died early this week in New York, the INQUIRER lost a venerable columnist, the country lost a guiding light of Philippine culture, and I lost a forever-young friend and role model.

Doreen wasn't young in biological age and her body had ailments advanced beyond its years, but to me, Doreen was and is eternal youth. Hers was a mind that never stopped learning and wondering, which was why until the end, her column and other writings never sounded jaded or tired. She had the curiosity and thirst for learning of an ageless soul. Hers was a drive for creation that never waned; at the time of her death she was in the midst of a book project, among other challenges. She had the energy that tried to ignore the toll of time on the body. She had been traveling the past few years, had gone to India and relished the romance of that country even when she could hardly walk.

I remember when she was the guest of honor at the launch of our Food magazine cookbook late last year. We weren't sure she'd make it because she had just been out of the hospital. She assured us she would, and she did. On a wheelchair she arrived on time at 9501 (the executive dining resto of ABS-CBN), was her usual amiable self, although she told us methodically where she had to be seated so that she could use her crutch efficiently without bothering others—a most considerate and classy woman. She walked slowly to the podium where, with that keen mind and sharp memory, she traced swiftly her exciting culinary journey through the years and the significant place of food in our social history. I'll never forget the look of pride on her face when, in a private conversation later, she told me how she did India, no matter that her mobility had been hampered by recent ailments.

I wouldn't be surprised if on this last trip to New York, she had gathered enough material for her food column, made enough culinary and other social history-related discoveries to share with the scores of people—young and old, students and colleagues—who had come to regard her as a culture guru. I would think that that was how she preferred to leave this world—on the go, in New York, at that.

New challenges

Doreen belonged to that rare breed from the senior generation that didn't recognize retirement. While they may have retired officially from their careers—Doreen never did and continued to teach at Ateneo where she headed the communication department—they did not cease to be productive and to take on fresh challenges. They continue to reinvent themselves, define their value to society and, most important, share their expertise and knowledge with those who care to partake of them. Doreen and her kind didn't need a corporate system or social structure to sustain their growth; they had the wisdom and the versatility of character honed through the decades to set their own parameters of growth which not even old age could restrict. They had their own vision, a sense of mission and, most important, the zeal to serve that was not built on hype, and that made them indispensable to us younger ones who are far removed from their generation.

People like Doreen give us hope about our country and the Filipino. They give us the reassurance we desperately need now that the older generation has, after all, something to bequeath to future generations.

DOREEN Fernandez (seated) with co-founders of the Foundations for Worldwide People Power Eggie Apostol, Edilberto de Jesus, Jose Abueva, and actor Cesar Montano

She had the curiosity and thirst for learning of an ageless soul

Doreen loved to recall how an English teacher like her strayed into food writing. She and her late husband **Wili**, the leading architect and interior designer of his time, had always loved discovering and learning about the arts, the cuisine and other finer things Philippine culture could offer. She and Wili loved to discover new restaurants with **Geny Lopez**, then an emerging media power. In one of those dinners, Geny suggested to Doreen that, since the three of them had been busy eating, it would be a good idea if one of them wrote up the meals they were discovering, and since it was Doreen who could write, why didn't she start a food column? Doreen did, under the auspices of her best friend **Eggie Apostol**, the leading women's section editor then. It would become an avocation that would span decades, and would even outlive her husband and Geny.

True learner

It was this phase of her life that Doreen recalled to me one dinner, almost three years ago, at Cucina Victoria at the Festival Mall in Alabang. I invited Doreen to join me in Alabang so she could discover the new restos cropping up there, including the then new Cucina Victoria. Like a true learner, she made the long trip to the south just for that. At that time, Geny was ailing and Doreen talked so much of the role Geny played in her life and that of her husband. Wili and Geny, she said, loved the good life, shared many things. When Wili died, Doreen said Geny wrote her a touching letter which she had kept. When I think of that, I find it uncanny now that Doreen died a few days before Geny's third death anniversary, which is today, June 28.

Doreen was more than a gourmet, more than a bon vivant, more than a food columnist, more than a teacher. She helped shape Filipino culture—and our understanding and appreciation of it—by making generations of Filipinos understand the place and evolution of Filipino cuisine in Philippine social history. Doreen didn't just write about dishes and new restaurants just to guide diners. She didn't just do a restaurant guide. What she did was to put her culinary discoveries in the context of our culture and our evolution as a people with a rich heritage we could be proud of. This she did through her insatiable curiosity, her patience with and love of research, her discipline as a scholar—and through her clear, lucid writing. And most of all—through and because of her love of country.

Through that journey of many decades, Doreen never lost a youthful interest in learning. She always sought to impart a gem of knowledge from every new dish, ingredient, restaurant, and heretofore undiscovered cook, chef or restaurateur. She mined Philippine cuisine, its various stages and facets of things that could enrich our lives. She explored and promoted Philippine theater and, again, contextualized it in our history and culture. She never grew tired and, more importantly, she never presumed that she knew enough to stop learning, discovering and sharing.

In this way she showed how such eternal youth—of mind, attitude and passion—could do the Filipino proud.

Doreen leaves us with a good feeling—that there's so much that is enriching, rich, valuable and honorable about the Filipino. Doreen has done more than her bit for future generations. She left her mark as a true Filipino. We won't ever forget that.

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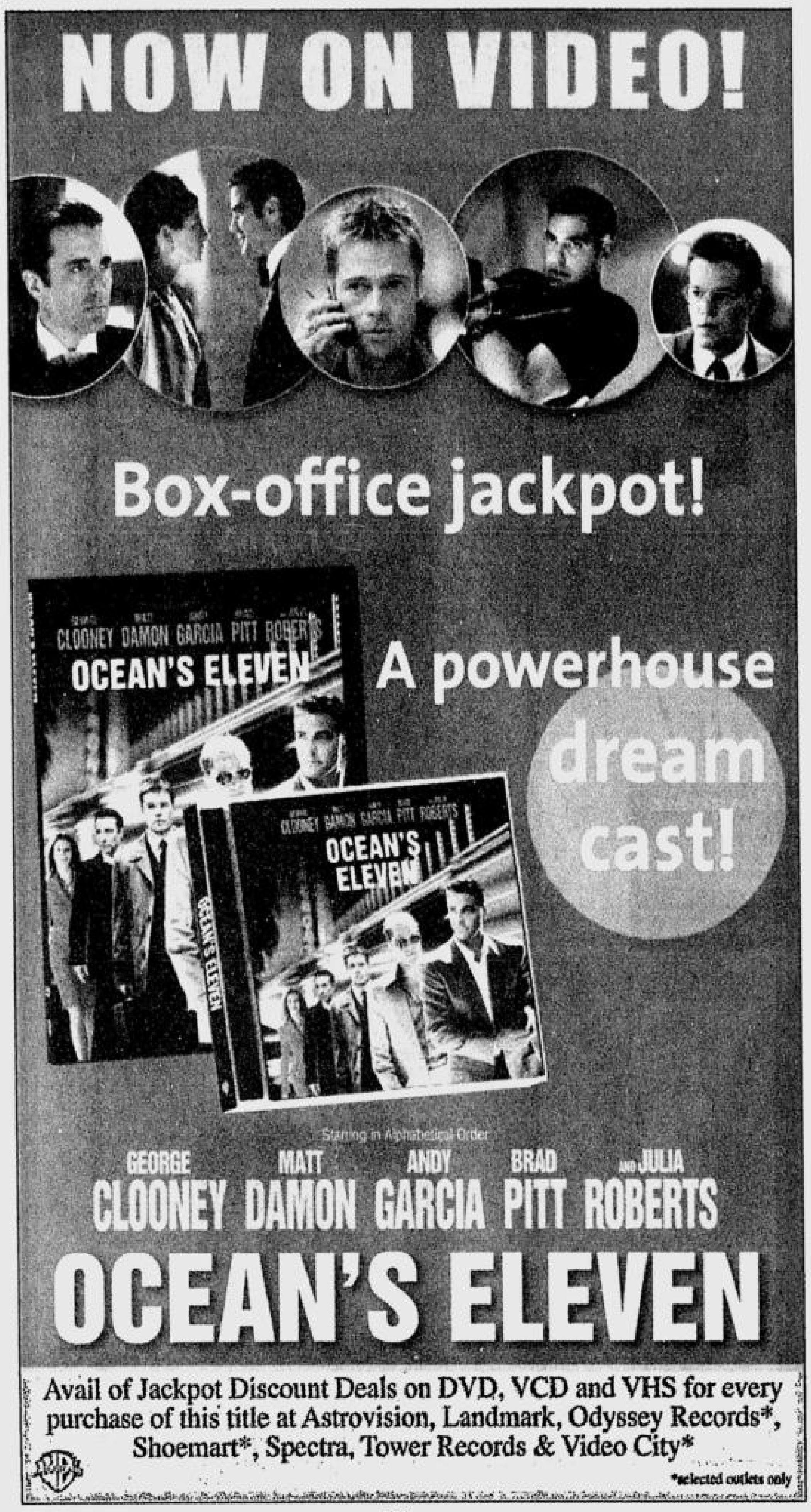

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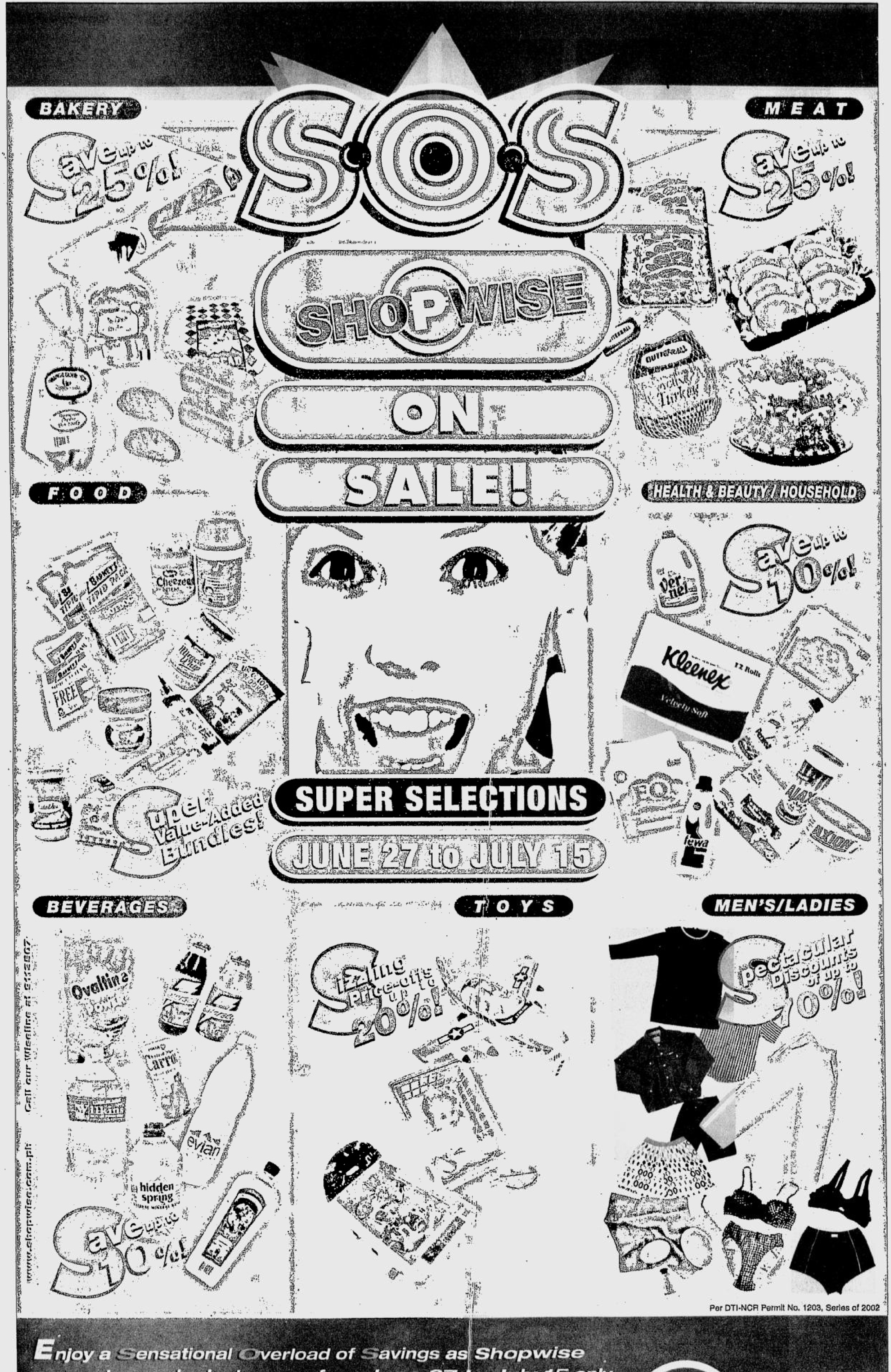
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"SERP-KURTINA." Jenine Desiderio's serpentina gown pushes the boundaries of the meaning of *borloloy.*

BOLD star Barbara Milano looks prim and, uh, drab.

RHINESTONE DISASTER. Vina Morales is a pretty-face-great-bod gone awry in this accessory fiasco.

HER dress is bad enough, does Geneva Cruz have to wear a pink carnation in her hair?

At the ho-hum Manila Filmfest awards night, style turkeys competed with production bummers

A night of technical glitches and fashion catastrophes

SO WHAT, SHE HAS HER TROPHY! Best Actress winner Sharon Cuneta in a *baro't saya* that doesn't do her new bod justice

Text by Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Romy Homillada

WITH A BIG dud of an awards night, you would have hoped that show biz stars could have upped the ante, fashion-wise, at least. But if anything, some looked like they were poised to rival the night's technical disasters. Talk about dressing for the occasion.

That was the scene at the recent Manila Film Festival 2002 awards night. With glitches left and right—from miscued lines to an audio system with an attitude—you'd think you were watching an amateur production.

We weren't surprised when not even the sight of their movie idols could sustain the interest of the fans at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium. Halfway through the four-hour long show, the initially filled bleachers of the small venue were half empty. Watching the edited telecast at home was more bearable, perhaps?

Uninspired

On the fashion front, save for some minor triumphs, the stars generally chose to be safe and came in uninspired—okay, boring—numbers. There wasn't much effort on their part; it made you suspect dressing up for the event had been a mere afterthought for them.

There were some who were inspired; but they got too carried away and failed to see the delicate line that separates the sexy from the vulgar.

Geneva Cruz wore a black haltered number that exposed her torso and very precariously covered her breasts. What effect she hoped to achieve by tucking a carnation in her hair we can't figure out. While this girl hit the high notes, her dress made a resounding thud.

Supporting Actress nominee Jenine Desiderio evidently lost twice that night. With veteran actress Gloria Romero snatching the award, Desiderio also lost major fashion points in a serpentina gown that screamed garish.

The extra yardage of fabric on the hem would have found better use in a *kurtina.* It had these black cabbage rose and (chicken?) feathers on the haltered lace bodice that were as colossal as they were ridiculous. We definitely had seen classier gowns in gay beauty pageants. It certainly wasn't a dress that reflected her talents; more like one that gave a peek into her milky-whites.

Not exactly a fashion plate, Vina Morales took a step toward the right direction with her black wraparound falling gracefully on her beautifully toned and tanned bod. But as always, her wrong choice of accessory ruined the look.

The chunky cross pendant and the equally huge rhinestone brooch on her waist vied for attention. And that ribbon under the brooch—what was *that* all about?

"Super B" star and Best Actress nominee Rufa Mae Quinto came in a black beaded bandeau over an asymmetric jumper in stretch material. Not exactly the look that

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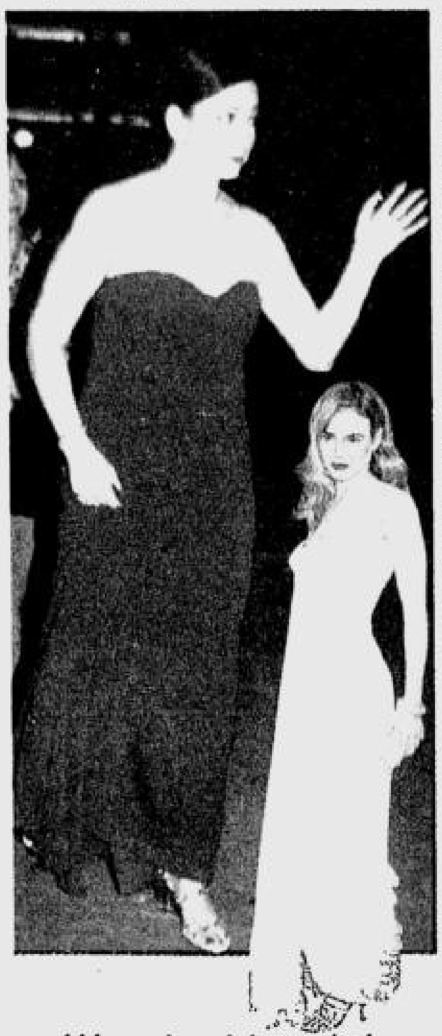
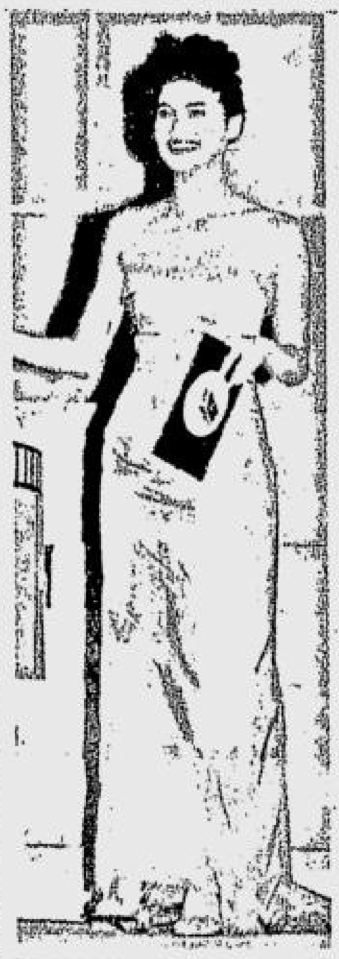
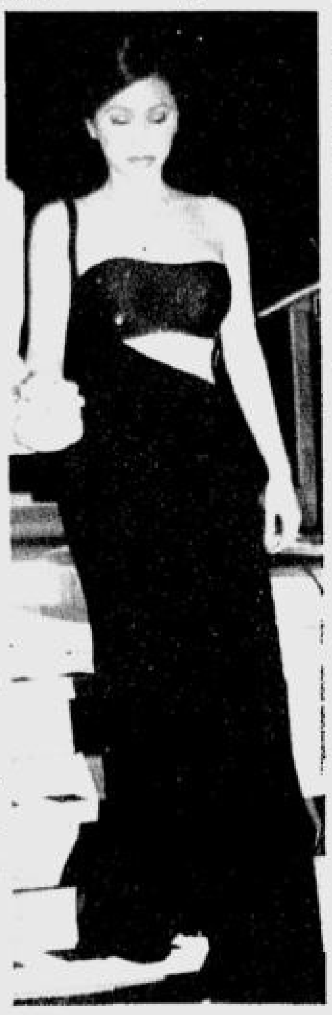


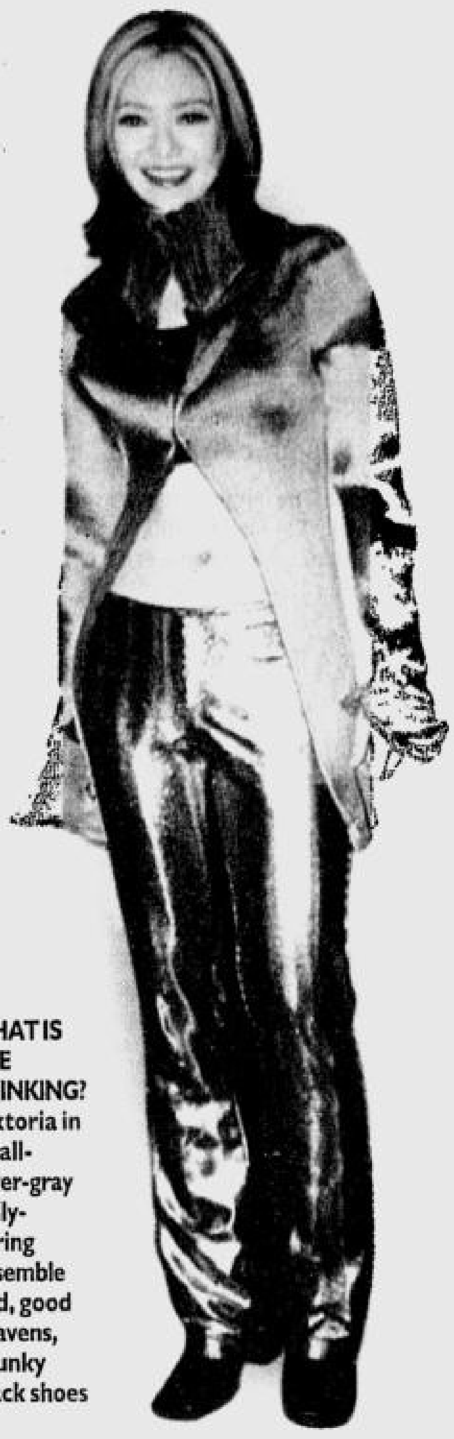
STUDY IN CONTRAST. A stunning Renée Zellweger (inset, in a photo from Vogue) at the 2001 Oscars and a frumpish Dina Bonnevie in a violet rip-off



PROM QUEEN. Anne Curtis is pretty in pink.



NICE TRY; TRY HARDER. Rufa Mae Quinto has the right makeup but is trapped in the wrong dress.



WHAT IS SHE THINKING? Viktoria in an all-silver-gray belly-baring ensemble and, good heavens, chunky black shoes

would have shoved the trophy her way, but we give her points for her clean makeup and upswept 'do. We had never seen the sexy star look that polished.

Fellow Best Actress nominee Ara Mina came in a modest blue-and-pink knee-length dress with a fringe-y hem that was neither here nor there. Since she lost the award to the Megastar, perhaps the only good thing going for the bosomy actress that night was arriving in the arms of "Diskarte" costar and best actor winner Rudy Fernandez.

Hollywood rip-off

One of the night's hosts, Dina Bonnevie, took the Hollywood-tested route and came in a violet rip-off of the yellow Jean Dessès vintage Renée Zellweger wore to the Oscars in 2001. Maybe it was our tired eyes but the formula didn't work for the lovely actress. It made her look heavy.

Ms D.'s teenage daughter, Danica Sotto, however, looked fresh in a white spaghetti-strapped sheath.

Teen star Anne Curtis, escorted by rumored boyfriend Oyo Boy Sotto, was a prom-queen vision in a strapless number. We could almost see the tiara on her head.

The classically cut cotton-candy pink gown complemented the teener's creamy complexion. Hats off to girls like her who know how to dress their age.

Sexy actress Joyce Jimenez and newly buffed drama princess Judy Ann Santos—Best Actress nominees both—were a disappointment. They turned up in decidedly unexciting gowns—Jimenez in a celadon-and-black creation and Santos in a black lace and tangerine satin column gown.

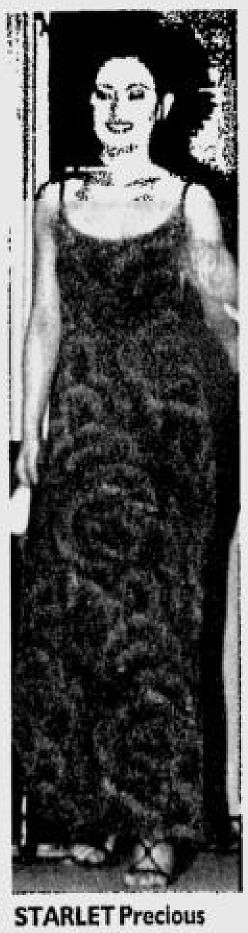
We hope to see more imagination from these two. After all, they have nice bods for starters.

Megastar Sharon Cuneta wore a stylized *baro't saya* that did nothing for her much-touted trimmer figure. The trumpet-sleeved top worn over a geometrically beaded skirt, if anything, made her look fuller and, well, matronly. Better worn in a senatorial spouses' soirée?

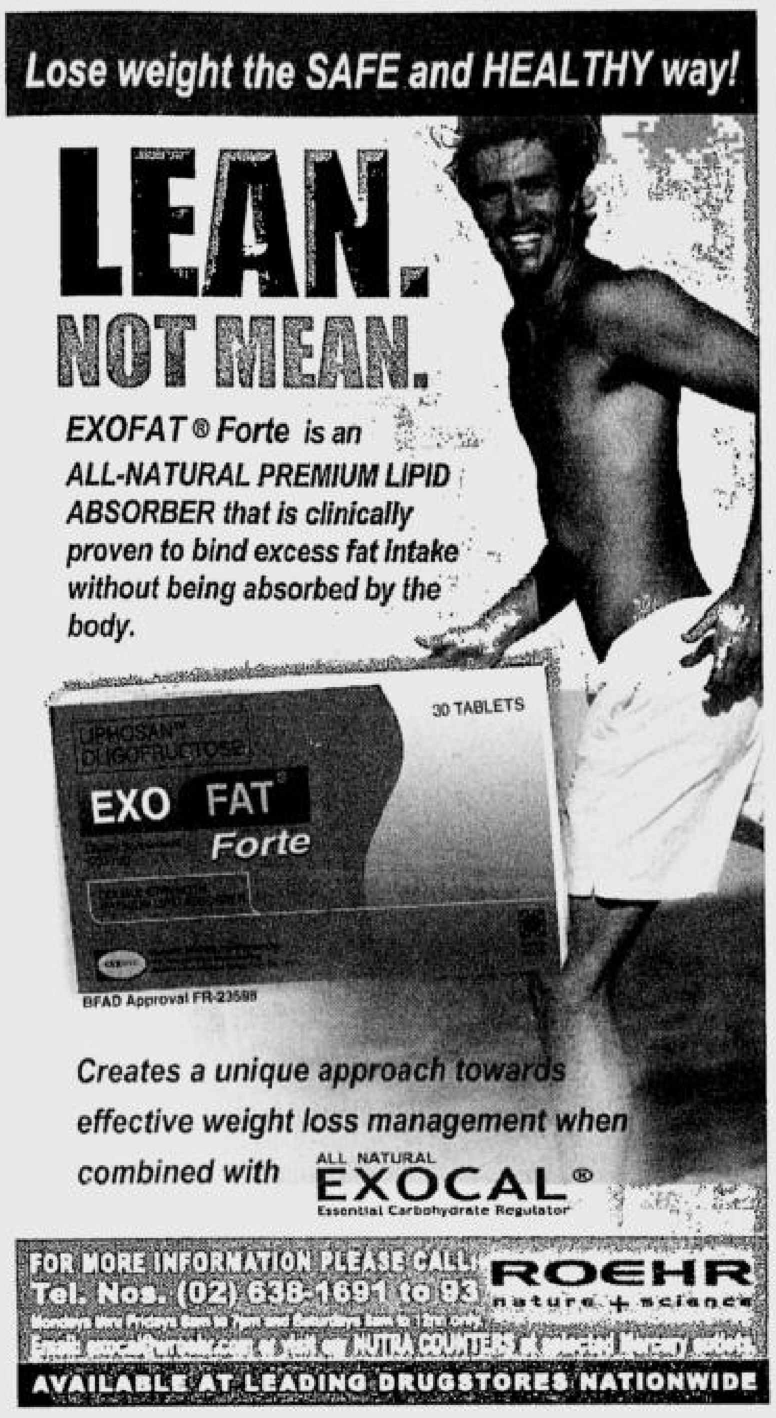
But if you take home the night's top acting trophy (which she did for "Magkapatid"), who cares if you lost the fashion prize? Never mind, too, that the audio system conked out midway through her song number (she was visibly irked, by the way, but who wouldn't be?).

The night's real winner, no contest, was Charlene Gonzales in a black beaded Empire-cut gown with a white lining. She looked so trim that it was hard to imagine this woman gave birth to twins not too long ago.

Gonzales looked so divine even her co-host, Eric Quizon, was prompted to say, "You look smashing!" And we're sure that wasn't in the script.



STARLET Precious Valencia in what looks like a glamorized *daster*



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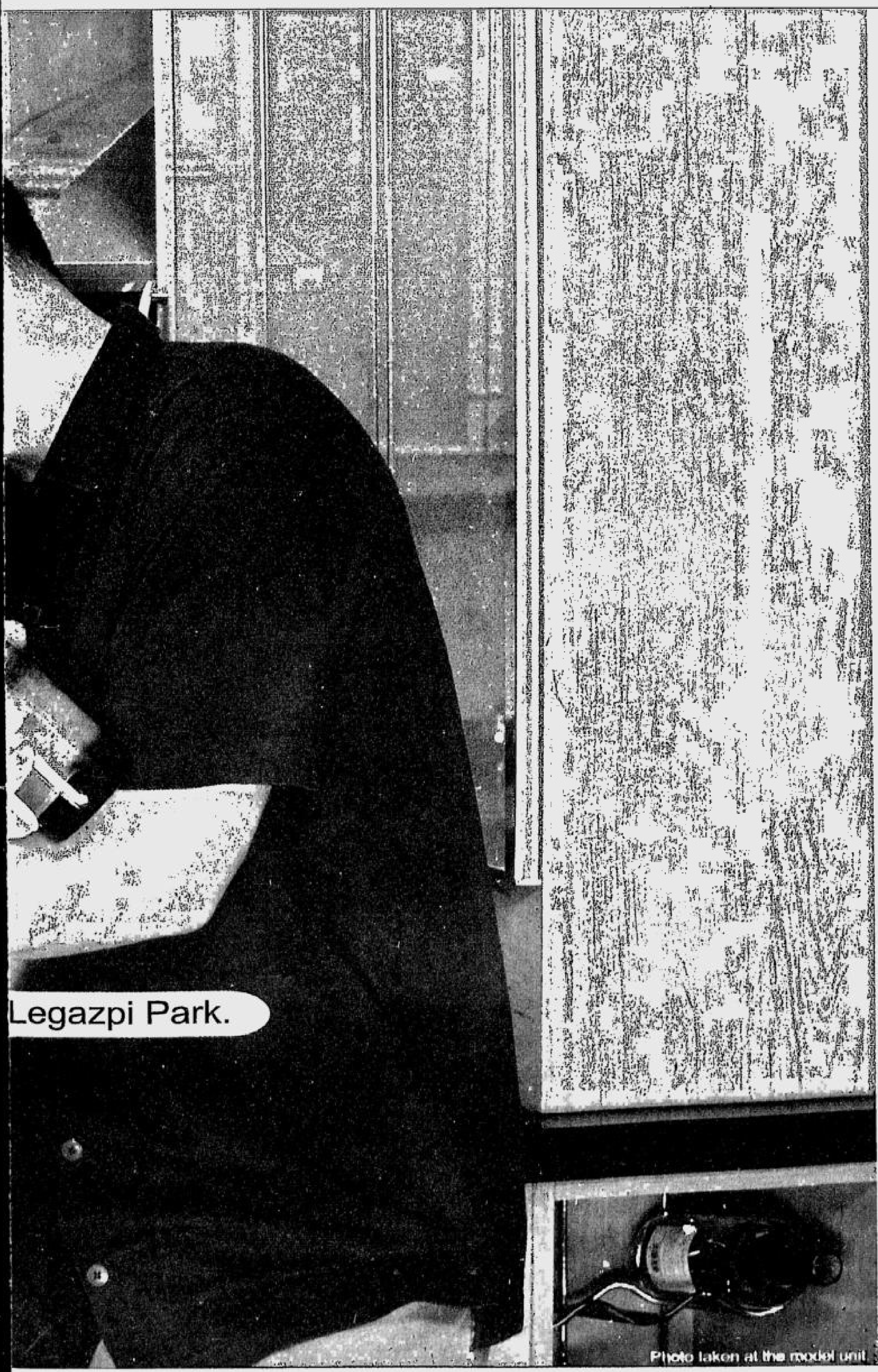

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New breed of society's finest

THE UPPER crust is a lofty and much-coveted position in society that many would compromise to be in. The few who enjoy this status has proven party after party, style after style, time and time again, that they indeed deserve to be in the "circle."

Preview editor in chief Pauline Suaco explains, "Society has become a dirty word. To utter the word implies a bygone time when birthright mattered more than talent and/or hard work. There is a new society—where meritocracy replaces aristocracy, and with it the old-world notion of society has become passé. In our special edition magazine, Preview: The New Society, we dare to bring forward a new society. The 30 names you will find in these pages work in businesses or endeavors borne of passion. And that's what the new society is all about—people who have gone beyond the sense of entitlement."

Tomorrow, the magazine presents a new breed of society's finest at the Preview Society Gala to be held at the 40/F RCBC Plaza at 8 p.m. The gala boasts of a cocktail party, exhibit and charity fundraiser benefiting the Habitat for Humanity Foundation, the first of its kind in Philippine society.

This milestone event also launches Preview: The New Society, a compilation of biographies and photographs featuring Amanda Griffin, Pia Guanio, Geni Psinakis, Hindy Weber-Tantoco, Leica Carpo, Pinky Webb, Sandra Gfeller, Vivienne Tan, Tina Tinio, Juampi and Laura Bertotto, Paolo Prieto, Antonio and Sandy Arando, Akiko Thompson, Ana Abad Santos-Bitong, Juan Miguel Ongsiako, Ines Delgado, Joel and Katrina Tantoco, Richie Ortega, Isabel Roces, Kim and Felicia Atienza, Mara de la Rama, Bacchus and Charlotte Zulueta, Anton Gonzalez, the Moreno brothers Jose Luis and Raymond John, Glenn and Tisha Garcia, Joanna Ongpin-Duarte, Gil Coscolluela and Mia Nolasco-Cuenca.

The Preview Society Gala gathers under one roof 30 of the most influential, stylish and enviable individuals. From the controversial and quirky Tim Yap, to the fashionably exalted Mananquil siblings, the event is bound to be a night of paparazzi, glitz and glamour.

The evening's 30 personalities will be immortalized in this special edition with an insider look into the lives and homes of the lords and ladies of Philippine society.

Take part in this very special event and pick up your copy of Preview: The New Society at your favorite newsstands and bookstores.

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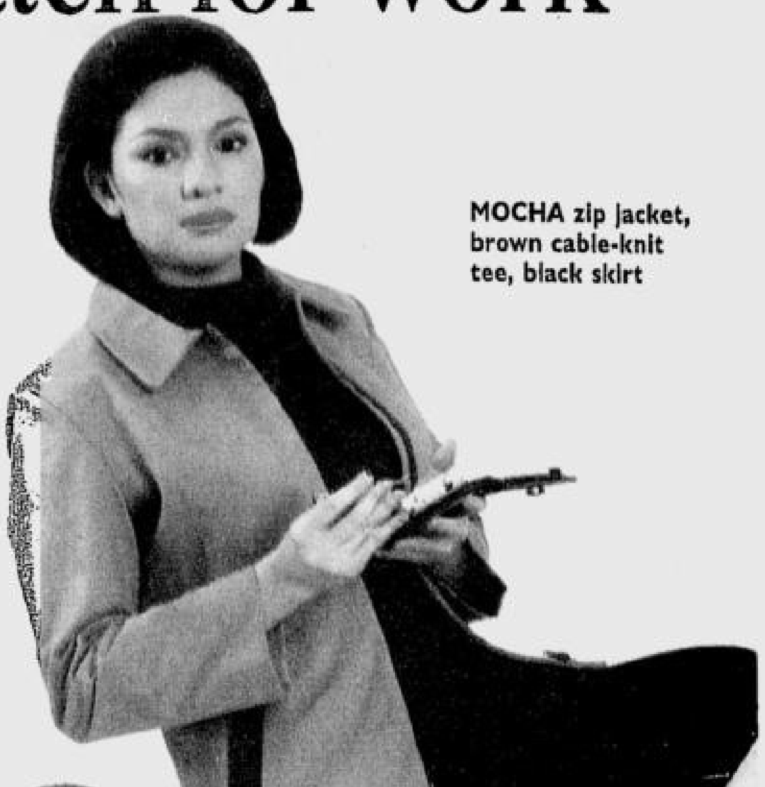
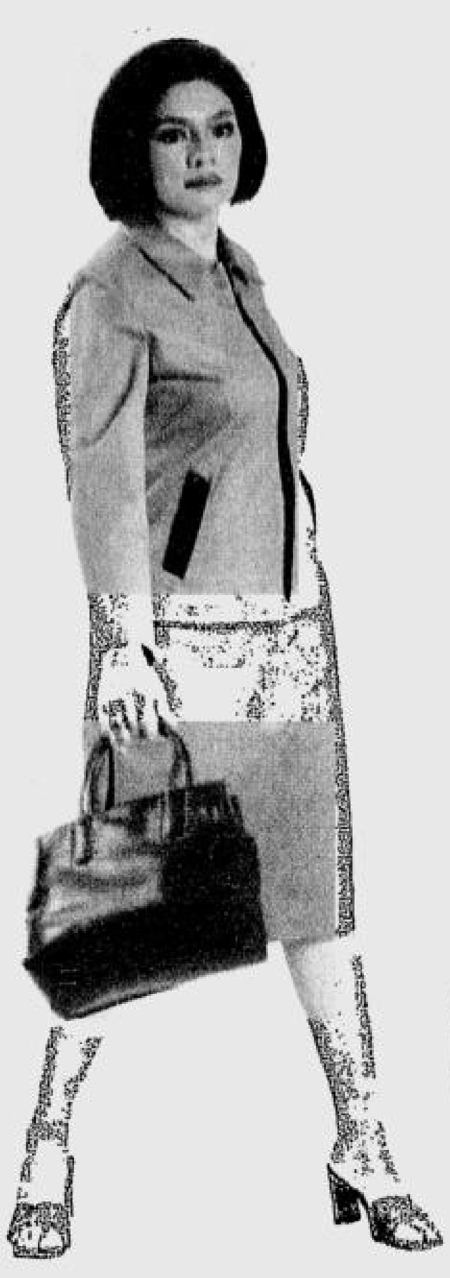
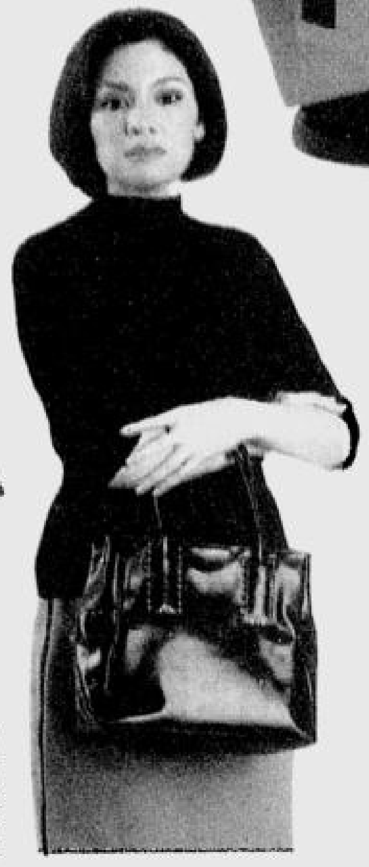
5 easy pieces to mix and match for work



MOCHA zip jacket, brown cable-knit tee, black skirt



MOCHA zip jacket, mocha midi skirt with side zipper in cotton twill, brown leather handbag with white stitch detail

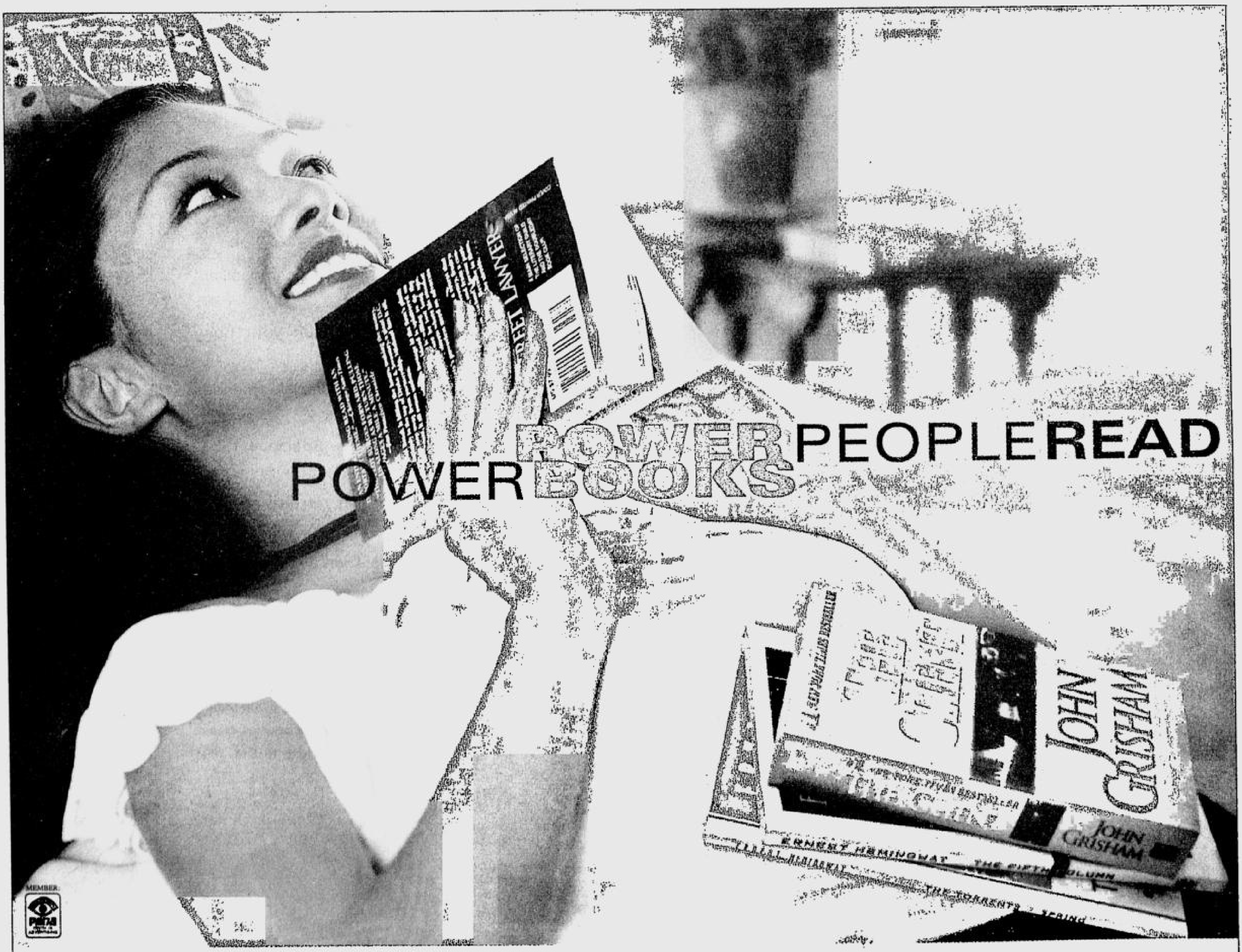


BLACK three-quarter-sleeved knit tee, mocha skirt and black leather handbag

A TRULY strong-minded woman with an individual sense of style may be able to get away with anything, but others would be better off sticking to the general rule. Dress right for the work you do and keep in mind that the work atmosphere decides your work clothes.

Viseversa, which has branches in SM Megamall and in Rustan's Makati, Alabang, Cubao, Harrison Plaza and Shangri-La Mall, helps you with styles that work. Just ask broadcast journalist Pia Hontiveros.

Responsive to the needs of cost-conscious working women who want to be stylish, Viseversa suggests no more than five easy pieces that can be mixed and matched to create many different-looking outfits.



Zorah Andam
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CHESKA Laurel-Tiu in black cotton slim pants by Liz Claiborne and red Calypso short-sleeved split-neck sweater

HAZEL Tañedo in hibiscus-printed Liz Claiborne long sleeves

Fund-raiser turns tycoons into fashion models

SOME of the country's top tycoons became ramp models for a day when they participated in the recent "Mega Dressing the Dragon" fashion show in Tagaytay Highlands.

The show was held to raise funds for the Yu Ming school, a Paref school for the Filipino-Chinese community. Participants wore outfits from the Spring 2002 Collection of Boss Hugo Boss, Claiborne Men and Liz Claiborne.

Made of natural fabrics, Boss pieces had touches of lightness and included one-button and two-button single- and double-breasted suits, and sports jackets with fitted silhouettes.

Pants were slightly wider, slim at the hips and with discreet single or double pleats.

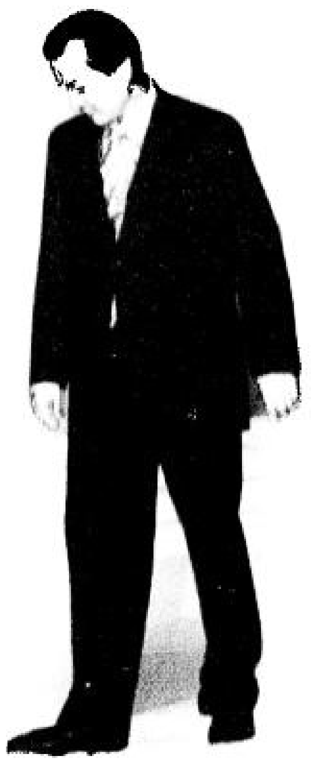
The Claiborne Men pieces featured prints and patterns, classic suits and relaxed elegance.

The tycoons' wives and daughters wore Liz Claiborne ensembles characterized by body skimming silhouettes hinting at curves. Alternative-length pants showed a bit of flesh.

All three brands have free-standing stores located on the 3/L Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

Boss Hugo Boss and Claiborne Men stores are also located at Glorietta 4. All brands are exclusively distributed by Igedo Fashions Inc.

JON Tan in Claiborne Men's marine roll-neck jacquard sweater, spray combo crossover tee and black pleated pants



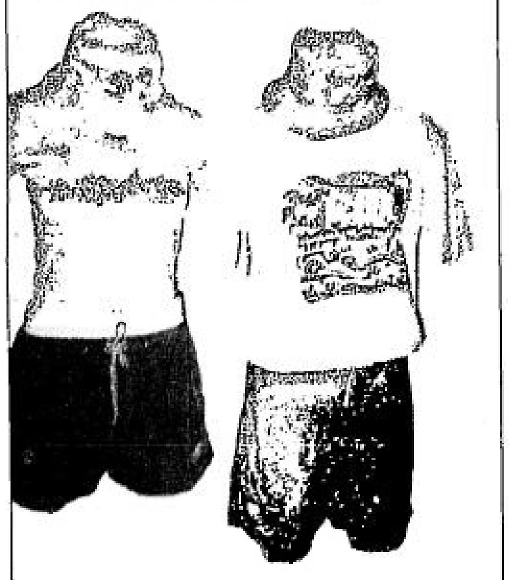
MANOLO Gana in a Hugo Boss brownish blue Bertolucci/Movie single-breasted suit

Special sale marks shop's 10th year

FOR THE PAST 10 years, Islands Souvenirs has been widely known for its colorful and casual apparel that depict interesting places around the country, plus festivals and cultural traditions that are widely celebrated. It has expanded its line to include accessories and novelty items such as bags, slippers, key chains, mugs, towels, caps, and disposable cameras and fans.

As a leading souvenir brand, it has also widened its network with over 100 outlets around the country, plus stores in Japan, Saipan, Singapore and soon in San Francisco.

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, all items are on sale until June 30 at all Islands Souvenirs stores nationwide.



ISLAND Souvenirs casual apparel

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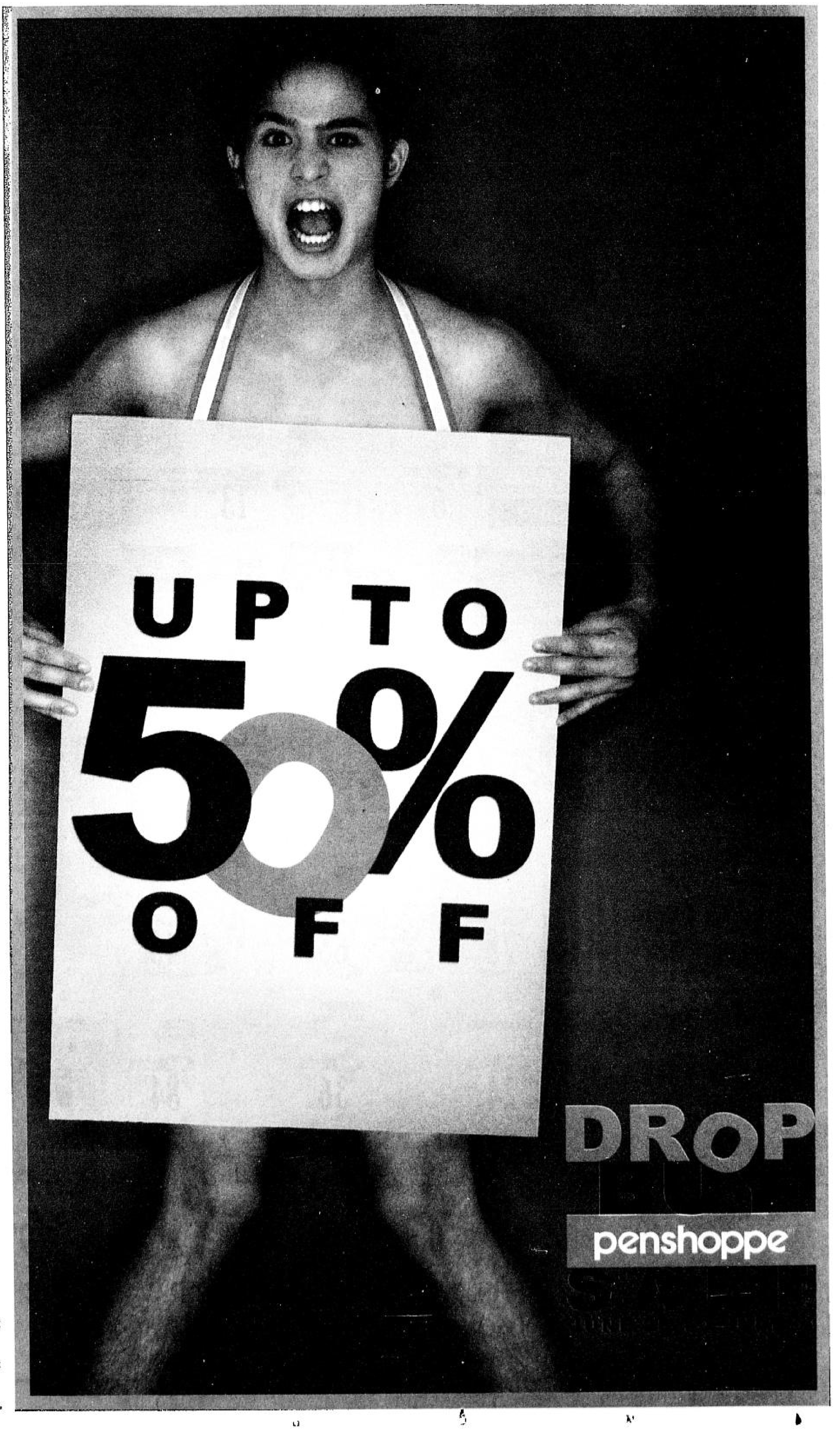

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SINGULAR STYLE

Yes, yes, Nanette has mellowed but remains her own person

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jun de Leon

FOR FORMER actress Nanette Medved, it's Jun de Leon or nothing. Only he could convince her to come out of semi-retirement and pose seductively for a fashion spread. Having known each other for almost 15 years, photographer and subject are now quite familiar with each other's quirks and working habits.

"Hey, you look like a matron!" Jun teases, as Nanette tries in vain to look demure in an off-white cocktail dress by Rhett Eala. "Come on, give me some of that attitude."

Nanette instantly obliges, spreading her long, slender legs while sitting on the cold, marble floor. She squeals like a pussycat in mock protest as soon as she sees De Leon's first Polaroid shots.

"Oh no! What would my in-laws say?" she protests. "This looks like a shot for FHM."

Nanette has earlier turned down a request from a glossy magazine to shoot her wearing her clothes. The reason? An in-house photographer and not De Leon had been tasked to do it. She told them to bring a mannequin to her Rockwell condominium instead.

"Nanette is one of my most jealous subjects," De Leon says. "She demands no less than your full attention. In fact, she once walked out on me during a photo shoot. What was I to do? I had to deal with other stars as well."

> The actress-turned-TV host who once walked out on her favorite photographer demands full, undivided attention during photo shoots

No-show

De Leon again got a taste of Nanette's legendary possessiveness during his recent photo exhibit. She was a no-show after learning that her picture was not included in the show.

"I texted her to grace the launching," says De Leon. "Instead of saying yes or no, she texted me back and asked if a photo of hers was included. My silence, of course, meant no."

Nanette, in turn, also has plenty of stories about De Leon to share. "If I'm temperamental, you should see how he is," she says before he signals her to pose beside several glass panels. This time she slips into a black see-through number by Inno Sotto with nothing but strategically placed beads to conceal her private parts.

"I can never say no to Jun," she adds. "He's the only photographer who can make me take a plunge into a pool in my Inno Sotto."

True enough, Nanette, wearing a strapless ecru gown in duchess satin also by Sotto, soon finds herself barefoot and wading in the Rockwell pool. De Leon calls it a wrap after coaxing her to do her bit of naughty and awkward girlish poses. "You haven't lost the touch," he declares.

"I'm comfortable working with Jun," she says. "The same attitude extends to my choice of clothes. I wear things that I'm comfortable in."

Closetful of shoes

That includes long skirts, high-heeled shoes and anything not too "trendy." Once in a while, she slips into a mini such as her favorite plaid skirt by Burberry. She has a closetful of Manolo Blahniks and other signature footwear, but they're nowhere near 3,000 pairs.

"I think a mini doesn't speak of who I am today," she explains. Nor will she wear anything as revealing as her black gown. Nanette once wore the transparent number almost a decade ago when she accepted an award for the late Lino Brocka, one of her show biz mentors.

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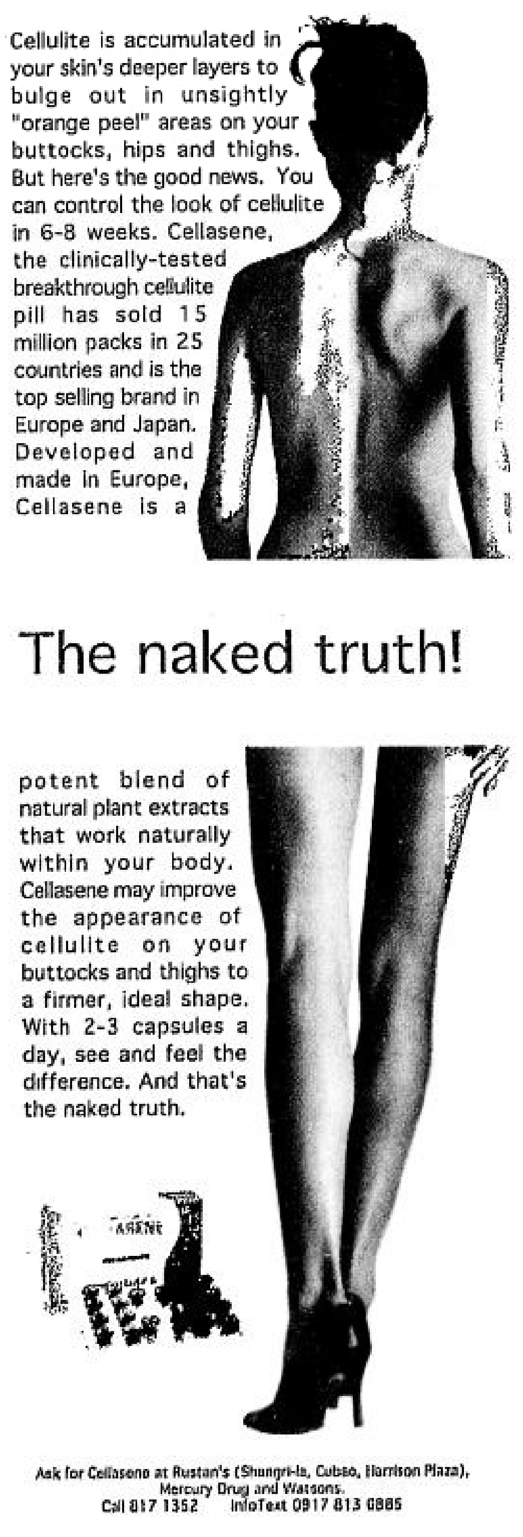
POSSESSIVE PUSSYCAT. Nanette Medved purrs in a black, see-through number by Inno Sotto.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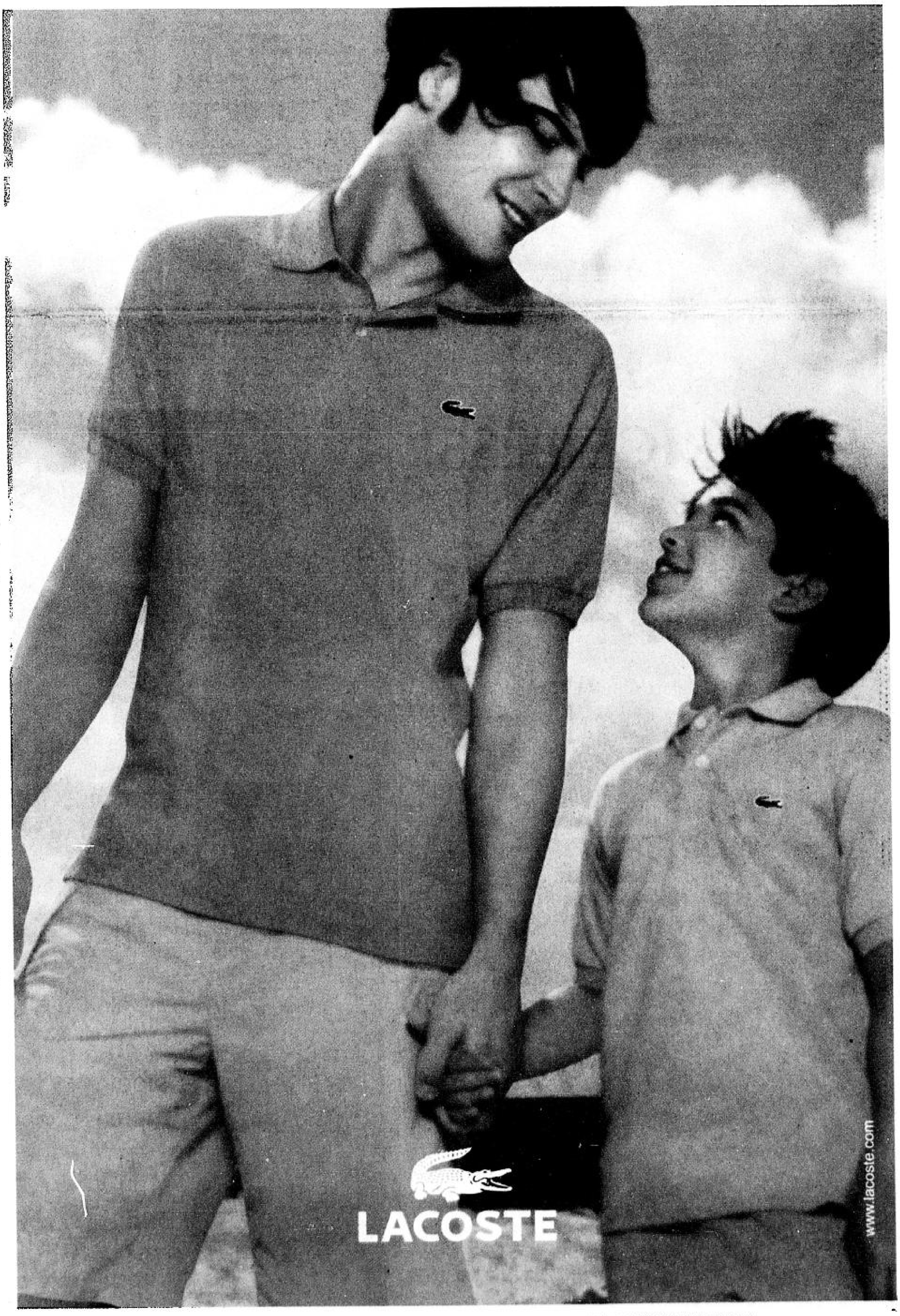

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3-day anniversary blowout sale at the mall

ROBINSONS Place Novaliches, in cooperation with 93.9 FM, is celebrating its first year anniversary with a 3-day blowout sale on July 5-7 with big discounts and freebies from participating mall outlets and Nestlé Philippines.

Free Nestea Lemonade and balloons will be given away for minimum purchases made during the 3-day promo. On July 6 and 7, a "drive-by-stick on" promo will be held during a live remote broadcast of 93.9 FM. Free bumper stickers and special prizes await mallers during this big event.

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AMBASSADOR PHILIPPE LHUILLIER AND WIFE MEET FAMOUS DESIGNERS

PHILIPPINE envoy to Italy, Ambassador Philippe Lhuillier and his wife, Edna Lhuillier (2nd and 3rd from left, respectively) were recently introduced to two international artists in the world of fashion - famous designer, Renato Balestra (far left) and equally-renowned wedding dress manufacturer, Rocky Moles.

GOINGS-ON

WORKSHOP. Another workshop for Attracting Good Luck is set on June 29, 1-5 p.m., at the Inner Mind Development Institute, Rm. 308 Prince Plaza Bldg. 1, 106 Legaspi St., Greenbelt area, Makati City.

Universal principles and techniques for attracting good fortune will be taught during the workshop.

Frances L. Gloria, a certified hypnotherapist specializing in past life regression and future progression, will conduct the said workshop. Call Gloria at 824-7586 or (0917) 364-8090, or the Inner Mind Development Institute at 810-7245 and 892-6806 for reservations.

LECTURE. Distinguished poet Virgilio S. Almario (a.k.a. Rio Alma) will deliver a lecture on Formalism dubbed "Bagong Pormalismong Filipino," at the Ateneo de Manila University on June 29, 1-4 p.m. It will be the first of a series of public lectures for the 2002 Rio Alma Poetry Clinic.

The poetry clinic is a nine-month course that includes lectures and workshops conducted by the country's notable poets. It is facilitated by the officers and members of the Linangan sa Imahen, Retorika at Anyo (LIRA).

The lecture is sponsored by the Ateneo Institute of Literary Arts and Practices and Ateneo's Filipino Department.

BAZAAR. A Wedding Showcase Bazaar is ongoing until today at the Enterprise Center, Makati City. The bazaar features the country's top caterers, wedding coordinators, fashion designers and photographers. Call 922-2272.

HEALTH CONFERENCE. A conference on medical health tourism is set on June 29, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Manansala C-D function room of the Manila Galleria Suites in Ortigas, Mandaluyong City. Registration fee is P500 inclusive of snacks and handouts. Call 371-7015 to 16.

DESIGN COMPETITION. The Product Development and Design Center of the Philippines is facilitating the First Philippine Candle Design Competition on June 29-30 at the Santuario de San Antonio Parish Social Hall. Around 60 entries representing different candle makers in the country are joining the competition. This year's theme is about nature. Three major awards and special awards are to be given to best designs and special category. The event is presented by Santuario de San Antonio Parish Center and is organized by Philtrade Exhibits. Call 820-7879/1570.

FASHION EVENT. Philippine Fashion and Design Competition 2001 special awardee Relan Mata Kagahastian will be holding her fashion show at Caramba restaurant at The Fort tomorrow. Proceeds of the event will support Relan's scholarship grant at the La Salle College of Montreal, Canada this year.

Supporting her in this show are colleagues from the Young Designers Guild. The show will be directed and choreographed by Puey Quinones. Cocktails start at 7 p.m.

DANCE PERFORMANCE. The Goethe-Institut Inter Nationes Manila invites the public to a performance of the Bremer Tanztheater on June 30 and July 1, 7 p.m., at the Teatro Aguinaldo, Camp Aguinaldo, QC. Call 722-4671 to 73.

REUNION. World Vision, an international Christian non-government organization, is inviting all of its former sponsored and assisted children to its first reunion on July 6 at the Manila Galleria Suites in Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

Titled "Coming Home," the reunion will bring together Filipino children who were sponsored and assisted by World Vision since 1957. It will be a day of reminiscing, sharing, thanksgiving and fellowship as the former World Vision-sponsored children share their triumphs and struggles with one another.

Call 929-0902 or 927-0676 to -79.

BOOK FAIR. The 6th Philippine Academic Book Fair is set on July 15-19 at the UP Bahay ng Alumni, Diliman, QC. Organized by the Association of Booksellers for the Academe and the Professions (ABAP), this year's event carries the theme "Books: Keys to Creativity and Development." As an annual feature of the book fair, ABAP together with the Center for Human Research and Development Foundation (CHRDF) will hold the following seminar-workshops for teachers: July 15-16, "Methods and Approaches in Teaching Interactive Reading-Responding to and Writing About Philippine Literature;" July 17-18, "The Ausubelian, Reggio Emilia, Developmental-Interaction and Other Approaches to Preschool Education;" July 18-19, "Enhancing Higher Order, Thinking Skills Through Innovative Teaching Strategies and Assessment in Science;" and July 19-20, "How to Make the Teaching and Learning of History More Interesting." The seminars will be held at the UP Bahay ng Alumni, Diliman, QC.

SEMINAR. A two-day seminar-workshop for librarians on "The Practice of Accreditation: Building New Vision for Libraries in the New Millennium," is set on July 16-17 at the Benitez Alumni Center, UP Diliman, QC. Co-organizer of the seminar is the Professional Librarians' Review Center (PLRC). Call 927-9858, 926-4708, 435-5727 or (0919) 239-9464.

MUSICAL. The New Voice Company presents "Falsettos," a musical on love and family, which opens tonight, 8:30 at the Music Museum.

"Falsettos" portrays love, family and the complexities of modern relationships in the age of AIDS. The musical stars Jake Macapagal, Lynn Sherman, Joel Trinidad, Rito Asilo, Jenny Jamora, Lily Chu and Joshua Ramirez, and is directed by Andrew Vergara.

"Falsettos" runs until Aug. 3, with Friday and Saturday evening performances. Tickets are available at all Ticketworld outlets at all major National Book Stores, Robinsons Department Stores (Malate and Galleria), Tower Records (Makati and Alabang) and Music Museum. Call Ticketworld at 891-5610 or the New Voice Company Actors Studio at 896-6695, 896-5497 or 899-0630.

SALE. The Noritake Bodega Sale at the Philtrade, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City has been extended until July 21.

The hall is open everyday including Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

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Super SM is a take-off from the hypermarket concept which combines supermarket, general merchandise, and discount retailing. Hypermarkets are basically of European origin, some of the best known of which are Carrefour and Casino. In the US, outlets of this type include Wal-Mart and Super K-Mart.

Super SM provides one-stop shopping convenience by combining a carefully selected range of food and general merchandise items. The spacious 15,000 square meter hypermarket is designed to save customers time and money, and at the same time enhance the total shopping experience.

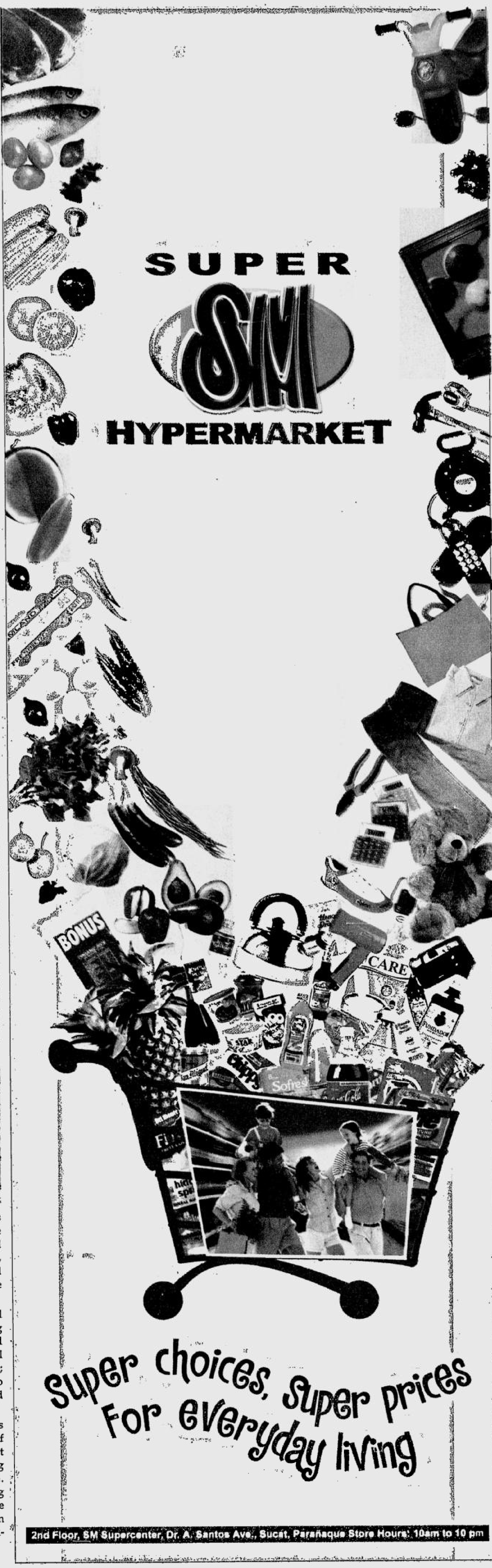
The hypermarket's much-talked about food area includes the freshest picks at the Fresh Food and Vegetable section; the choicest cuts at the Meat and Poultry section; fresh seafood selections; and a wide range of dairy, deli, and grocery items. In fact, many residents from neighboring subdivisions have replaced going to the wet market to shop at the hypermarket because of its fresh produce and meticulous hygiene standards, and have even established their *suki* with the store's friendly and knowledgeable staff.

Not to be missed is the Prepared Food section which offers ready-to-go food items such as succulent roasted chicken, roasted *liempo*, and freshly prepared *sushi*. Rigid standards on freshness, quality, and cleanliness are maintained in this section.

Bake-Off, the bakery section, is another customer favorite. Available fresh from the oven are locally baked goodies such as hot pandesal, ensaymada, Spanish bread and muffins as well as Italian breads like *foccacia* and *ciabatta*.

Super SM also features 17 general merchandise departments including women's, men's, children's, and infant's wear and accessories; a full line of shoes; houseware and furniture; appliances; audio and video equipment; sporting goods; and hardware items.

Moreover, Super SM's spacious aisles, dynamic presentation of merchandise, more than 50 check-out lanes, and free covered parking enhance customer convenience. Completing the super shopping experience is the **walkalator**, where one can wheel down his purchases in shopping carts straight down the well-ventilated parking area.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Likewise, shoppers can purchase gift certificates, prepaid phone and internet cards at the Customer Service counter; and avail of foreign exchange services, pay utility bills and purchase show tickets at the Services Counter. They can also have their gifts wrapped at the Gift Wrapping Counter and avail of mailing and photocopying services.

Super Promos

Apart from a super shopping experience, Super SM Hypermarket also offers great promos. Bringing a lot of excitement to its shoppers is the ongoing **Shop & Win** raffle promo where shoppers with a P500 minimum purchase will get the chance to win P10,000 worth of gift cheques daily.

Over seventy lucky winners went home with P10,000 when the promo was first launched in October last year. Since the success of its first run, the **Shop & Win** raffle promo is currently on its second run – only this time with bigger and more exciting prizes at stake in its quarterly draws: P500,000 on July 6, 2002; P700,000 on October 5, 2002; and P1,000,000 on January 4, 2003.

Super In-Store Fun

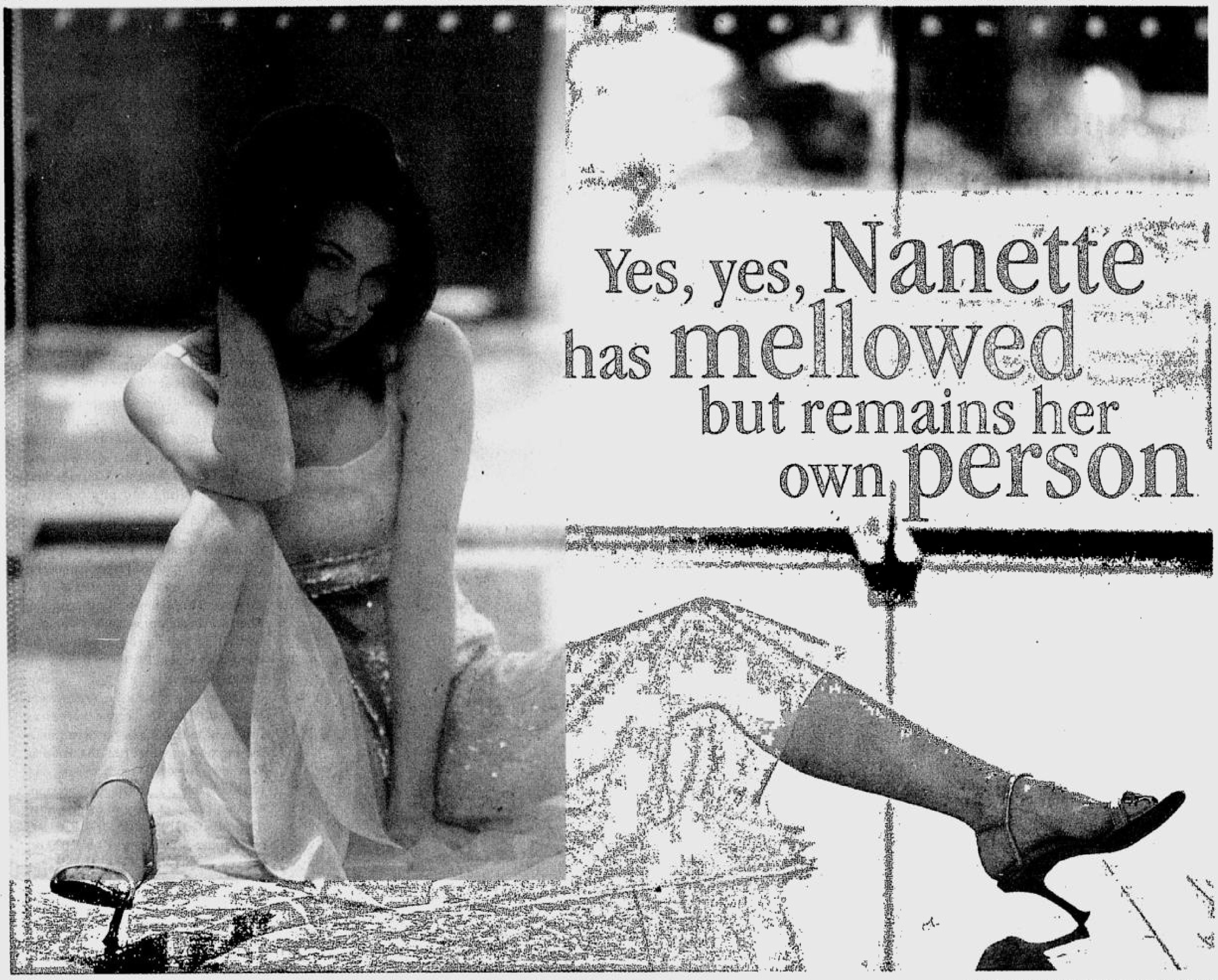
- **Roast Chicken Promo** - a minimum purchase of P500 entitles the shopper to buy one whole roasted chicken for only P99, instead of its usual price of P119.
- **Super Corners** - interactive promotional areas with exciting games, freebies and discounts.
- **Seasonal Promos** are also being done on a regular basis to create continuous excitement for Super SM Hypermarket shoppers. They can look forward to super prizes in the third and fourth quarters of the year.

Super Finds

- **Value Packs** - Save up to 80% with these packs which includes two items and an extra item absolutely free. For example, a shopper who purchases a Value Pack which includes two packets of Royal Salad Macaroni gets a packet of Ladies Choice Spaghetti Sauce absolutely free!
- **Family Packs** - specially bundled packs great for stocking up for family or business needs.

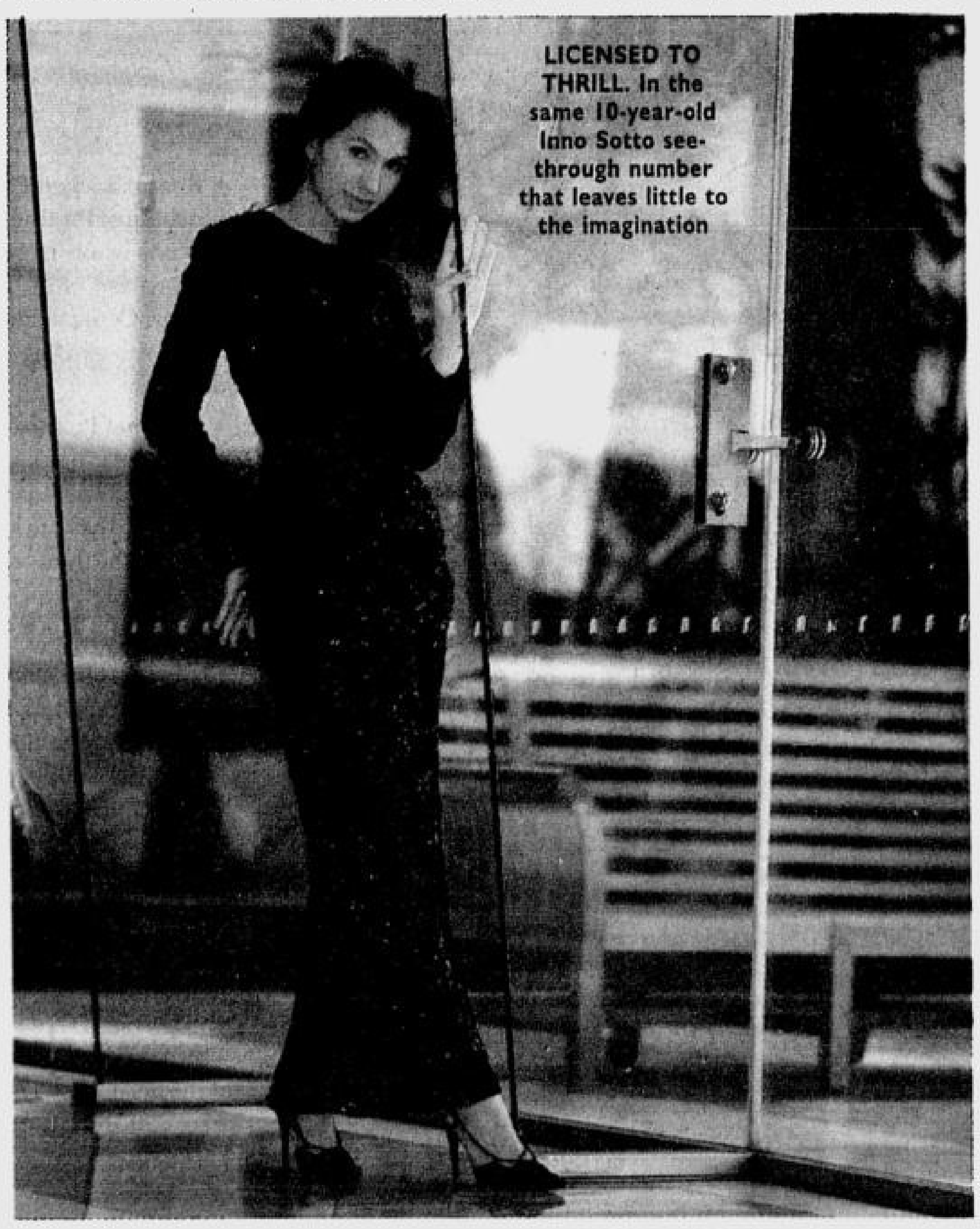
Super SM Hypermarket is located at the Second Level of SM Supercenter Sucat along A. Santos Avenue in Parañaque City.

Yes, yes, Nanette has mellowed but remains her own person



OPEN TO POSSIBILITIES. Nanette wears a semibeaded, off-white cocktail dress by Rhett Eala.

> 'If I can't figure out what my mood is, I try to choose a dress that reflects the occasion'



LICENSED TO THRILL. In the same 10-year-old Inno Sotto see-through number that leaves little to the imagination

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"I don't have a signature look," she says. "A lot of what you see depends on my moods. If I can't figure out what my mood is, I try to choose a dress that reflects the occasion."

If the occasion, for instance, requires her to be a tad formal, Nanette tries to dress the part. The same holds true for events that demand her to go daring. "Automatically," she says, "the personality kicks in."

Of course, being a former model helps her to effortlessly shift from one look to another and still achieve a style all her own. In order to determine what works, she says, every woman goes through a phase where she experiments with her looks and wardrobe. Nanette is no exception.

License to wear anything

"Luckily, I was a model. I had the license to wear the oddest and most glamorous things, and find out what works for me."

Despite her image as a fastidious dresser, Nanette isn't one to take herself seriously. The actress-turned-TV host hardly even bothers to know what materials her gowns are made of. Instead she focuses on an outfit's construction, whether it's haute couture or bought off the rack.

"That's why I'm a big fan of Inno," she says. "He's really superb when it comes to construction. I hardly buy foreign brands. When I do, I go for Mark Jacobs and Ralph Lauren's Purple Label."

Nanette also makes it a point to seek the assistance of people she has worked with through the years. Tante Flores, manager of Mix boutique, is among those. He has been dressing Nanette since she was a teener.

Nanette's zeal for guarding her privacy—she refuses to talk about her husband and family life—extends to her shopping habits. She rarely, if at all, shops for clothes at local malls. Flores regularly sets aside a few pieces she can choose from. She usually ends up wearing most of the clothes on her TV show "Cinema Talk" on channel 22.

The multiawarded actress now says with certainty that she has completely turned her back on doing movies. Her husband has nothing to do with her decision.

"I don't think there's enough room left for one more leading lady," says Nanette. "In fairness to people who make offers, I honestly can't think of anything right now that can be that interesting or tempting. Having spent a good number of years in show biz, I feel like moving on and doing something else."

And that includes taking up a master's degree in, of all subjects, history of various major religions. Nanette has an undergraduate course in finance and entrepreneurship tucked under her belt.

"I finished college when I was away in the US," says Nanette, who returned to the show biz scene barely a year ago.

After spending several weeks researching, the only schools in the country that offer something similar to the course she's interested in are the University of Santo Tomas and Maryhill School of Theology. Alas, their programs are limited to Catholicism.

"I've always been interested in religion ever since I was a child," says Nanette. "It has nothing to do with spirituality, but [an interest in] various religions as they shaped and continue to shape history, politics and various aspects of our lives. It's more of a study of human evolution, of the idea of God versus who God [really] is." Heavy stuff, indeed.

Even a photographer as seasoned as Jun de Leon would probably be hard pressed capturing this unknown side of Nanette Medved on film.

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TAKE four for the actress-turned-TV host, in a strapless number also by Sotto, as she hams it for the cameras.

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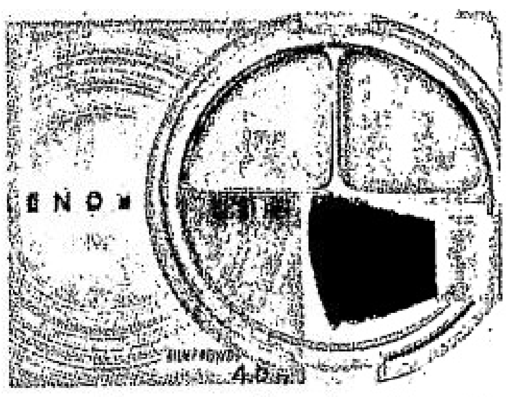

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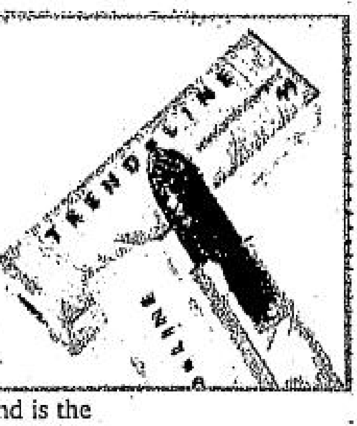
Trend Line SPF 6 Pressed Powder and Refill help control shine to keep you looking fresh and gorgeous. It has SPF 6 for effective protection from the sun. Available in 6 shades—Subtle Tan, Natural, Soft Mint, Light Amber, Translucent and Pink Blush. Refill now comes with a free puff.

Flawless looking skin for the modern Filipino now comes very easy with Trend Line Smooth Finish Cake Foundation and Trend-Line 2-in-1 Dual Powder Foundation and Refill.



Trend Line Smooth Finish Cake Foundation gives a flattering matte finish and is the perfect makeup base for those with normal to oily skin. Available in shades that perfectly match the Filipina skin in Classic Ivory, Natural, Blush, Golden Tan and Mint.

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Undergarment brands have special treats

BEEDEES and Sloggi have special promotions. Shoppers who buy two Beedees bras will get a free cotton brief worth P100. Promo is good until June 30. Meanwhile, those who purchase two pieces of either Sloggi 100 or Sloggi Regular will get free Sloggi briefs. The offer is good until July 15.

Sloggi and Beedees are top European intimate wear brands. Represented here by Triumph International Philippines, they are available at leading department stores.

The New York look in makeup

MANY women may find it difficult choosing the perfect makeup color that blends well with their skin. Za New York, which was recently launched, has come up with the solution to this problem because the color of the product that you see on the box is the same shade that appears on the skin when applied. You can choose from their line of Tinted Moisturizer, 2-Way Foundation, Transpowder, Eyebrow pencils and trendy shades of Aqualish lipstick.

The launch at Mazzo Bar in Libis, QC that was hosted by RX 93 DJs Evette and Fran, with model Sarah Meier and organized by Summit Events, had a fashion presentation with models using Za products and showing casual, day and evening wear. Topshop, Topman and Ms Selfridge provided the striking outfits.

Za New York also launched that evening the television ad of their new lipstick called "Lip Aqualish" and introduced image model Lilibeth Mone. Brand manager Lani Aquino proudly noted that unlike other lipstick brands, Lip Aqualish has a moisturizing formula and Vitamin E that keep lips soft, full and supple all day long.

Za New York makeup and skin care products are available at Robinsons, Shoemart, Ever, Crossings and Plaza Fair Department Stores, PCX, Landmark, Metro Ayala Cebu, Sta. Lucia, Shopwise and Cinderella outlets.

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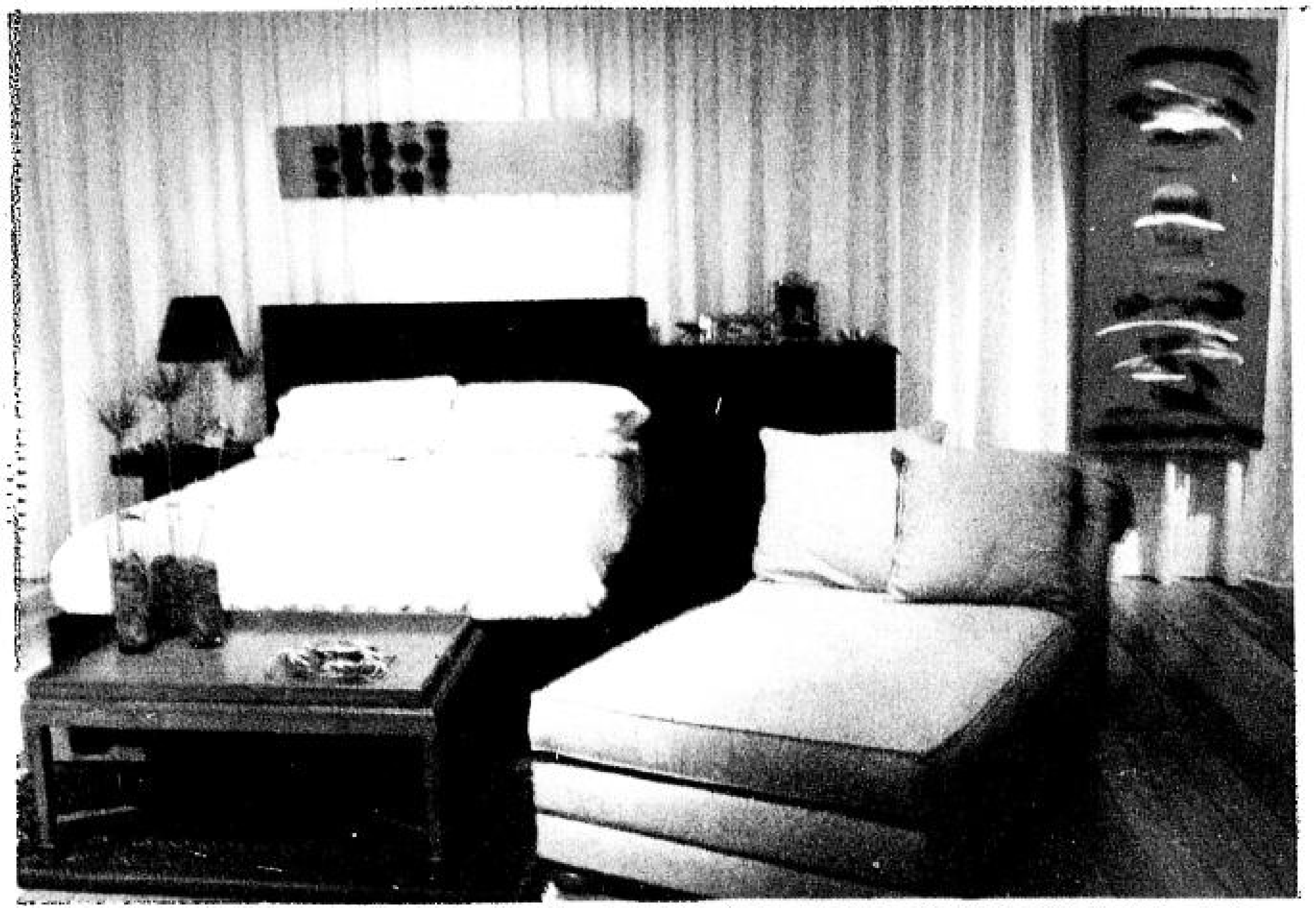
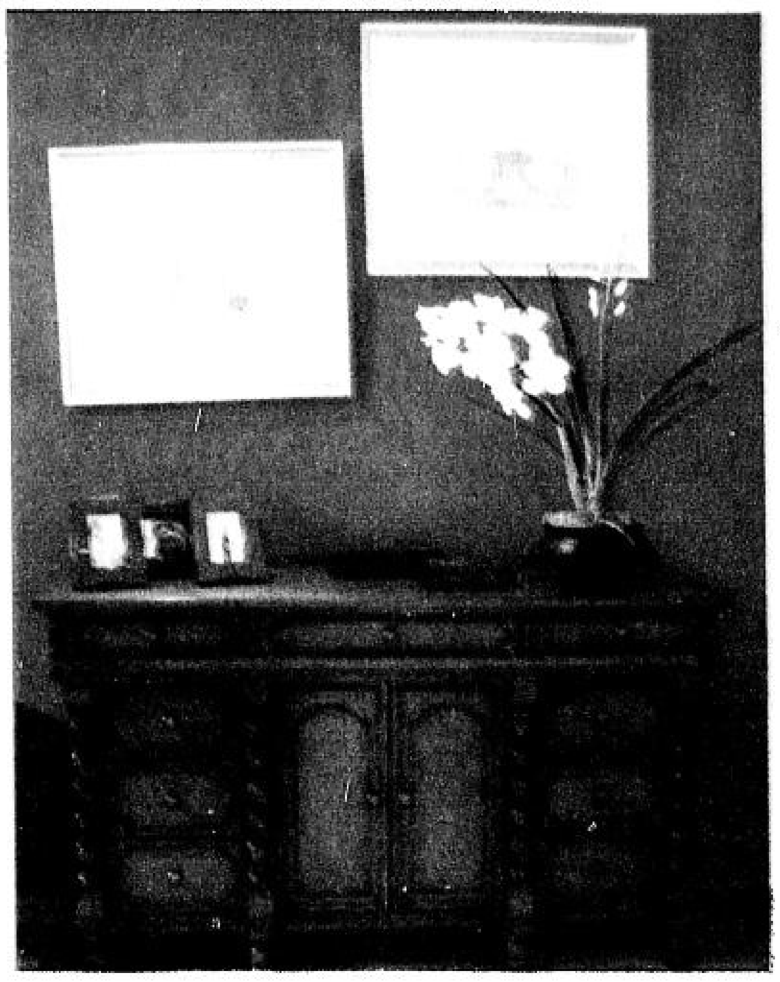


BLACK-finished Philippine mahogany bed matched with side table and dresser; camel colored suede chaise-lounge by Century Furniture; coffeetable by Jonathan Matti; paintings by Rachy Cuna

This shop, tucked away in the GE compound on Pasong Tamo extension, sells exporter-quality home furnishings to locals



JONATHAN Matti designed this console made of Philippine mahogany.

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Cebu furniture exporters.

Although the Streegans are originally from Iloilo (Hugo's great grandfather was a German, hence the name), the furniture business is based in Cebu where live many a craftsman who can chisel out excellent wood pieces.

The company that Hugo Streegan started and semi-retired from now has over 1,000 workers in four factories and is being professionally run, with three of his children actively involved.

Charlie Streegan is COO (as in Chief Operating Officer although in truth he is also Child Of Owner) and runs the factories. Two Streegan girls in the business are Bernice, who went to a design school in Italy and heads R&D, and Alice, who looks after the marketing side, including the buying for and local retailing at Borders.

"We started as a rattan factory," says Cruz. "Then we went into wood, then into wrought iron and now we also have a foundry." She adds that while the market for wrought iron pieces has dwindled, demand for rattan is on the upswing. "Wood is kind of a flat line."

The edge of the Philippines over China and Indonesia, its strongest competitors in wood furniture, is "we have been able to mix materials." She notes, "We are ahead because we also have abaca, banana fiber, seagrass, etc. Our designs and workmanship are far better than theirs."

The Streegans also have their own design team. "Pacific's strength is that we have good

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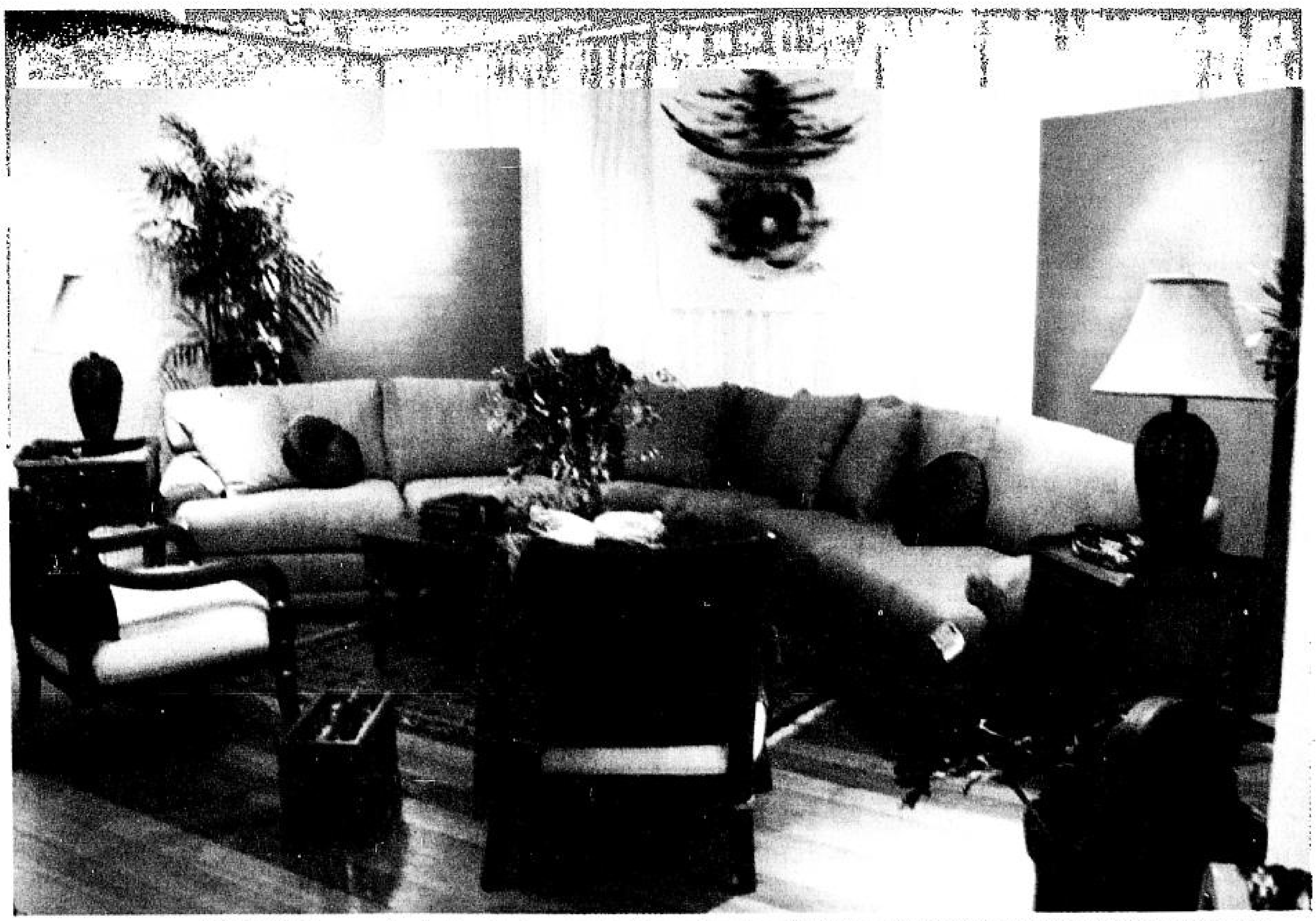
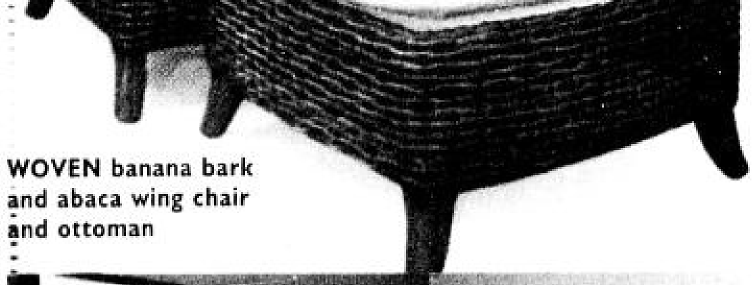


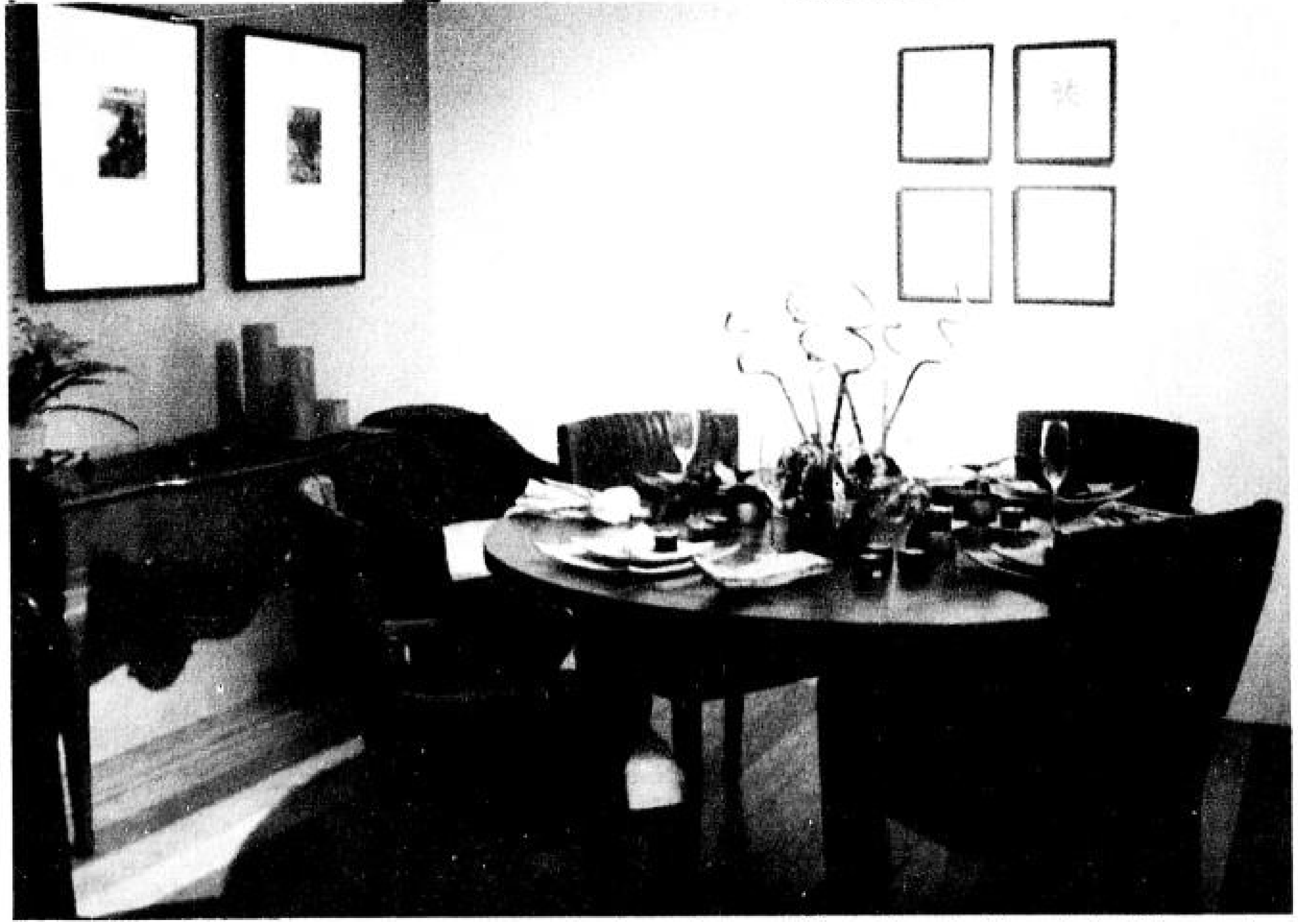
SEMI-CIRCLE sectional upholstered sofa covered with raw linen from Century; accent chairs from combined saguran weave and wood accented with silver leaf finish; Indian silver jars with silk lampshades; Rachy Cuna painting



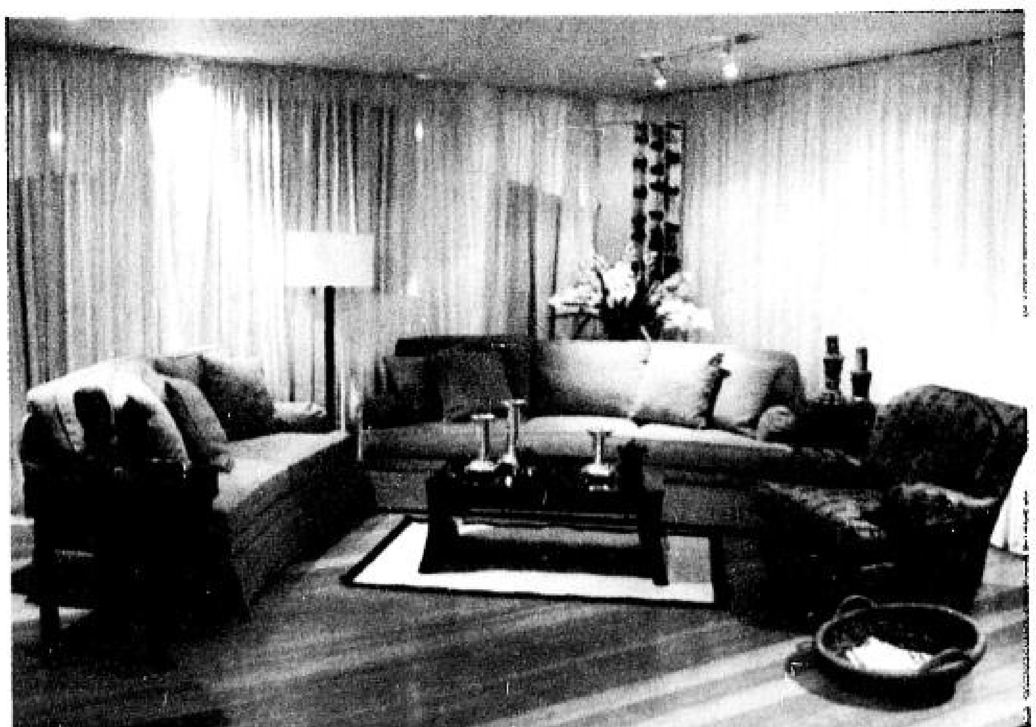
WOVEN banana bark and abaca wing chair and ottoman

CHAIR half-size bigger than regular lounge chair with ottoman from Century; cast stone side table

WOVEN saguran and rattan accent chair; mahogany tables; Century upholstered set



DINING table and hand-carved console made of native mahogany with wood-and-wicker chairs. Photographs on left wall are originals by Raymond Lauchengco.



FULLY upholstered sofa, loveseat and Chinese accent chair by Century Furniture from the US; cherry wood veneer coffeetable; Rachy Cuna painting; banana bark basket.

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designers. Not all companies have in-house designers. We send them all over the Philippines, over 20 of them," says Cruz. "They look for materials that can be used for furniture. That's how we discovered we could use sea-grass, abaca, etc. Even our bamboos, which we always used as sticks, are now crushed and laminated and made into headboards and tables."

According to studies, says Alice, every seven years is a good time to change your furniture, but that's not so in the Philippines. "Yet despite economic constraints, we like to change our upholstery if we have good furniture, or dress it up with new slipcovers and throw pillows," adds Alice. "Every now and then we update our accessories—our vases, our flowers, our frames. Or we move the furniture around."

More convenient

If money were no problem, Filipinos would probably change furniture more often as the home is important to them. More likely than not, they would go for furniture that's *pasadya* (made-to-order). Increasingly, however, they are learning that mass-produced furniture is more convenient to shop for, and will look different in their homes because they will arrange them in a personal way.

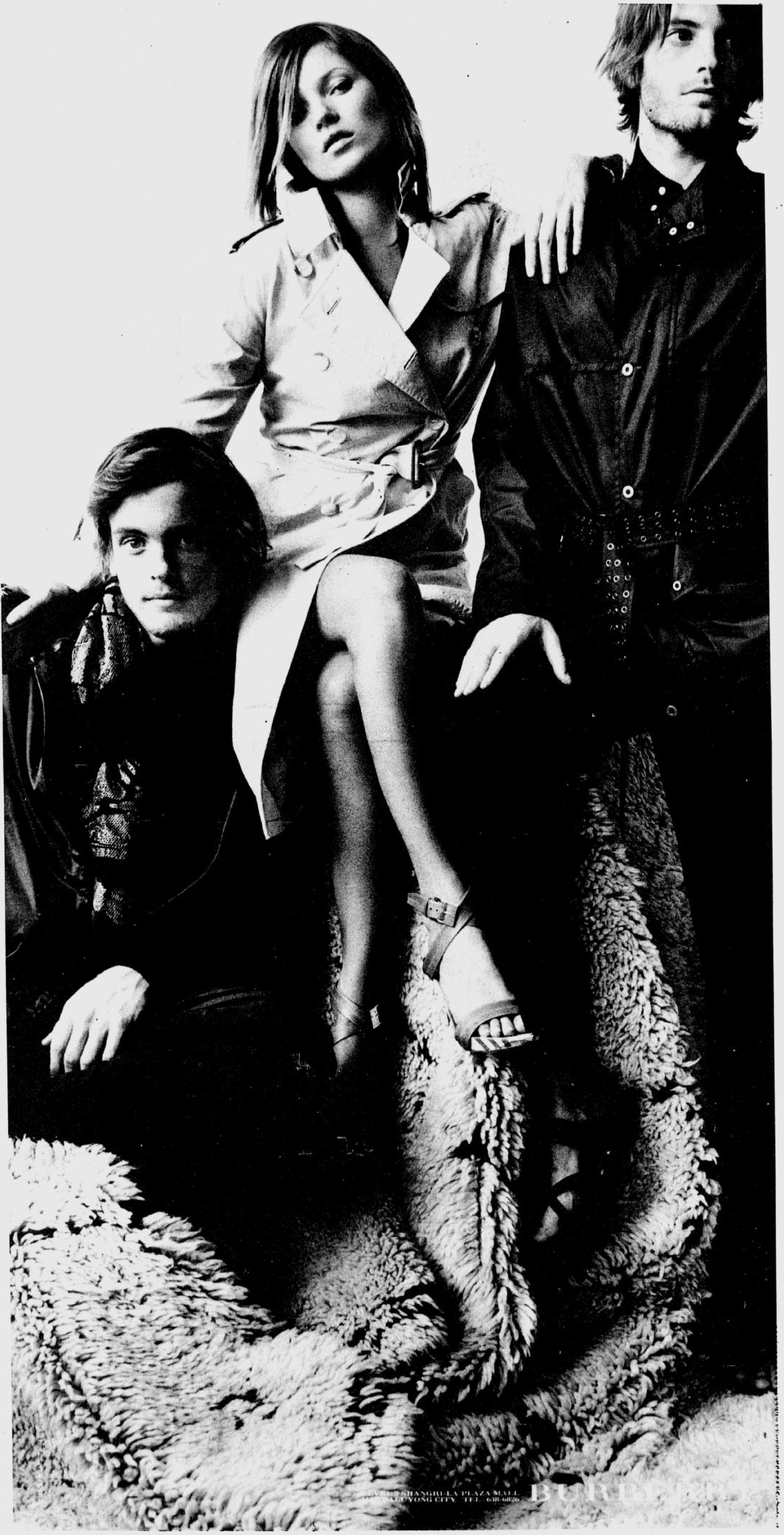
At Borders, if the furniture you fancy is available, they can deliver the next day. "We don't accept made to order," stresses Alice. "We only sell what's available. Some pieces we will have available but not finished so if you want, you can wait."

Borders presents their furniture in home-like settings, complete with accessories and wall hangings and plants, to give shoppers an idea about how home interiors can look—even feel —if certain pieces are grouped together.

Accessories on sale at Borders are sourced by Alice and her store manager Vicky Lauchengco from gifts and houseware shows abroad. "We also have a lot of things made in Cebu," adds Cruz. She says she ends up buying things that she doesn't want to part with. "But I also buy things I don't like because not everybody has my taste. You have to cater to everyone."

Alice recommends rattan furniture for tropical homes. Filipinos still think that rattan is prone to *bukbok*, but what they don't realize is that so much R&D has gone into the treatment of rattan. Pieces made of rattan are also finished in such a way that dust is no longer a problem.

The bestsellers in Borders are the rattan furniture and the mix-material furniture that combine rattan, wood, seagrass, abaca, wicker, wrought iron, or leather with splendid results.

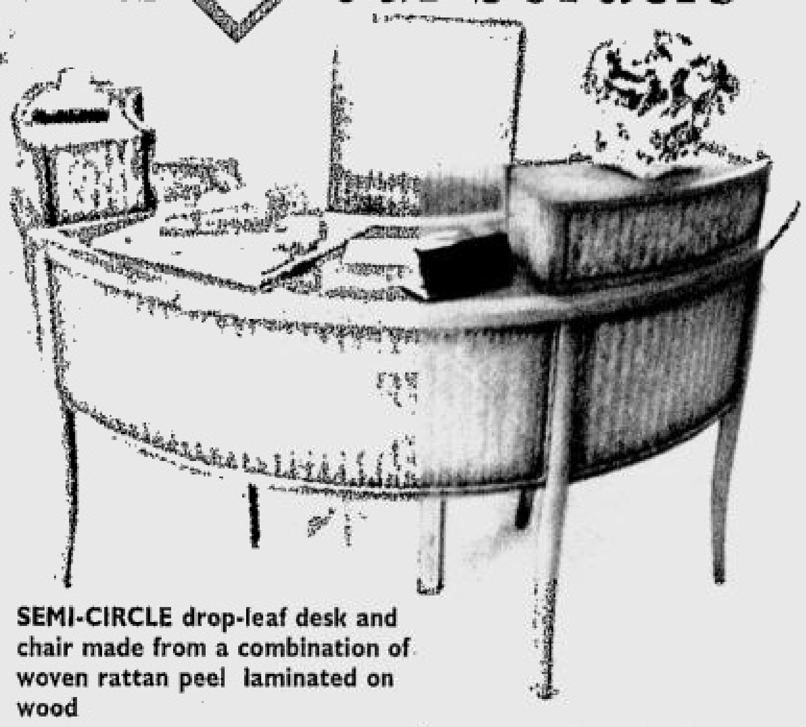


ALICE Streegan Cruz

Making fine furniture available within our borders

Text by Chelo Banal-Formoso
Photos by Chito Vecina

YOU'LL be bowled over by Borders if you're the type who visits furniture fairs and ends up heartbroken because everything you've fancied is not—repeat, NOT—for local retail. Booth clerks at furniture exhibits have the wicked tendency to ignore you if you're not a foreign buyer. Not for you their best smiles, only a snooty "for export only," and really you can't be blamed if you end up hitting the woman with one of the colonial chairs she's showing to Omar from Riyadh or Rupert from Bloomingdale's.



SEMI-CIRCLE drop-leaf desk and chair made from a combination of woven rattan peel laminated on wood

One wallop on the head should wake up the furniture industry to the need to stop this "for export only" nonsense, you'd think. Filipino furniture makers have come a long way and command respect all over the world; open an interior-design or home magazine and you will find furniture made in Cebu and Pampanga. So why should tables and chairs be different from prawns and bananas? Everything that Filipinos grow or make that's of best quality is for foreign buyers. You, poor native, get the shrimp, the fruit tainted with fertilizer, the rejects marketed as "surplus"—and that's always a source of grief for a shopper with a bit of self-respect. Why, you ask, can't they make the same good quality available to you if you can afford it?

Borders (tels. 813-0112/813-0121) is the answer if you're in the market for fine furniture and furnishings.

The eyes of Alice Streegan Cruz light up and her words flow with pride when she talks about furniture, specifically about the furniture that are displayed and sold at Borders, the high-end, two-level shop she runs on Pasong Tamo Extension in Makati.

Top exporter

Borders carries imported upholstered movables but most of the stylish furniture in the showroom are made by Pacific Traders, which was founded by Hugo Streegan, Alice's dad. The family-owned business has no personality abroad; all it does is export to more than 50 wholesalers in Japan, Europe, South American and the US, where their products are branded by the time they get to the showrooms or make it to the trade catalogs. Sales-wise, Pacific Traders is one of the top three

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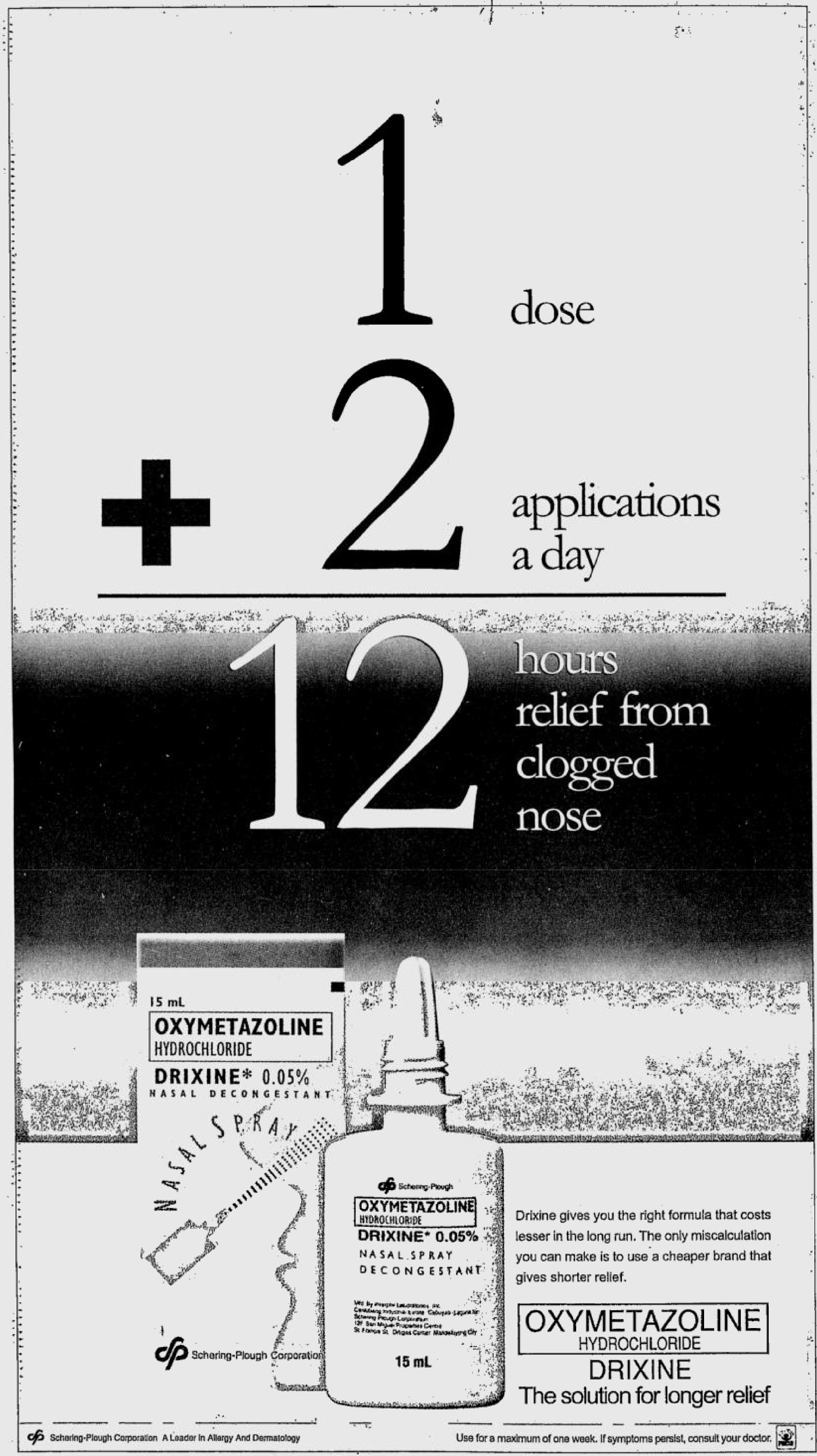

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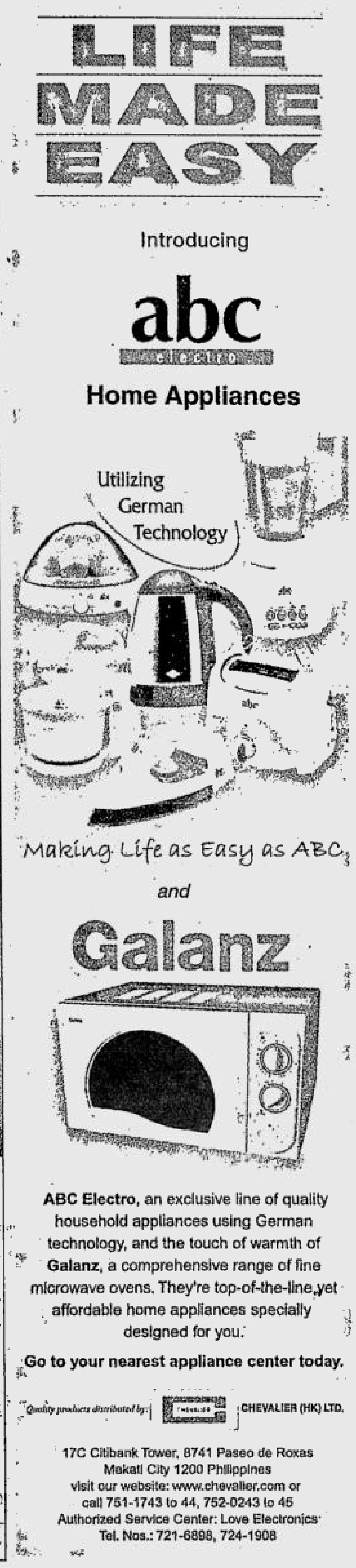

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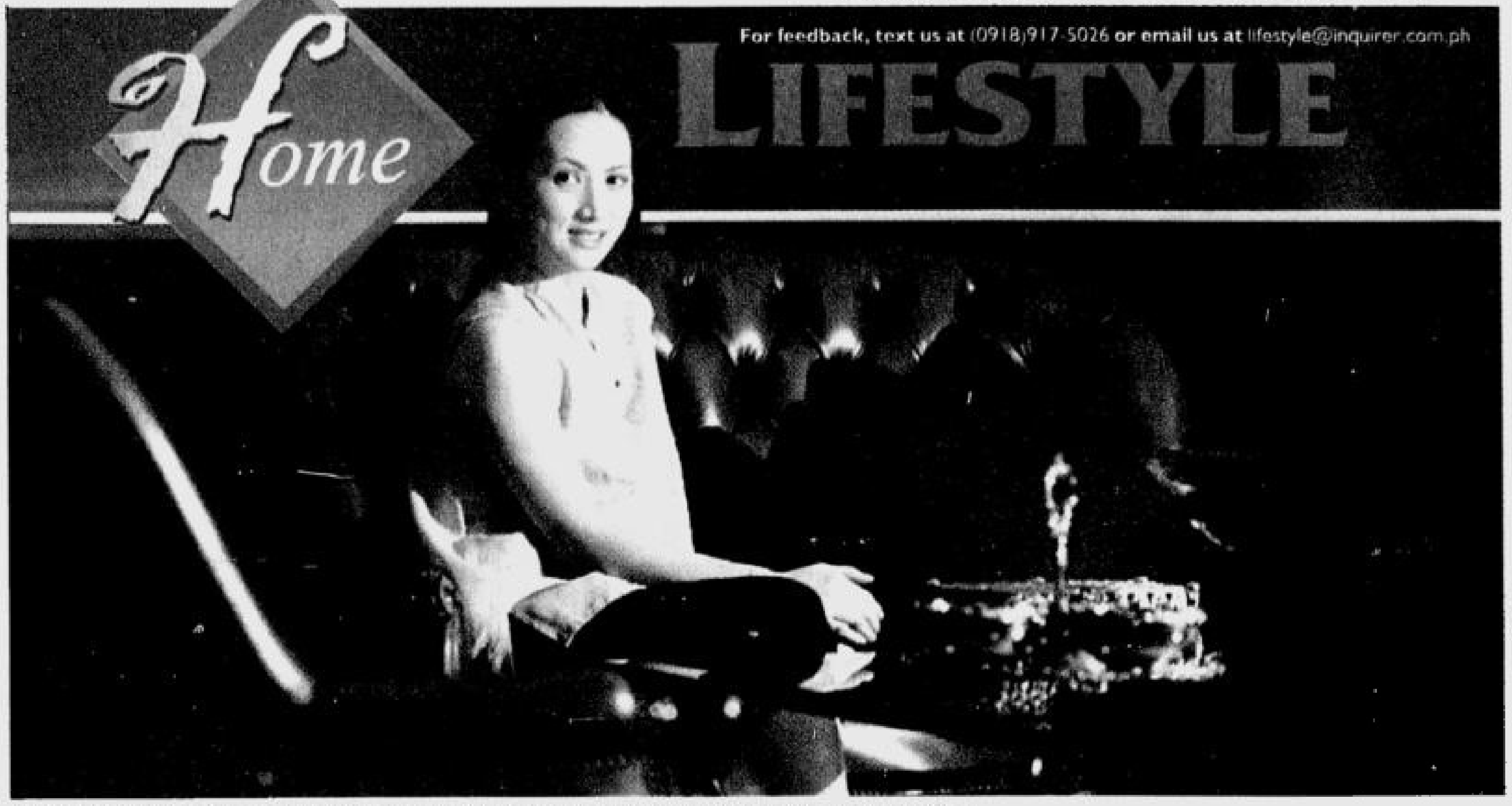

AYEN Munji-Laurel acquired her elegant taste from her royal exposure and traveling.

The princess finds a home

Text by Leah Salterio
Photos by Mike Alquinto

ONE can't help but be awed by the house of Ayen Munjí-Laurel in Ayala Alabang. It's a "dream house" by all standards, evoking the flair of a European villa.

Ayen admits she developed her elegant taste through her royal exposure and traveling. In her seven-year marriage to Prince Jeffrey Bolkiah, youngest brother of the sultan of Brunei, Ayen lived a luxurious lifestyle in

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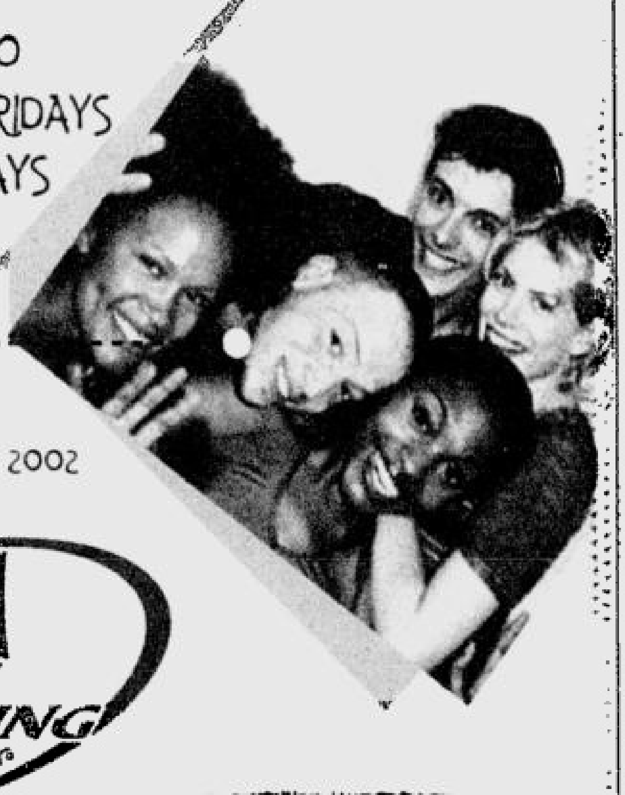

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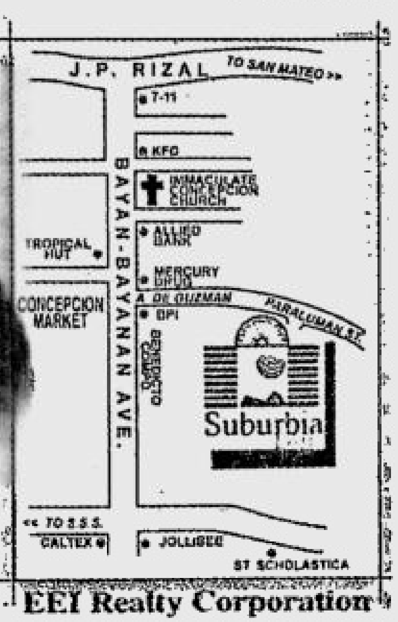

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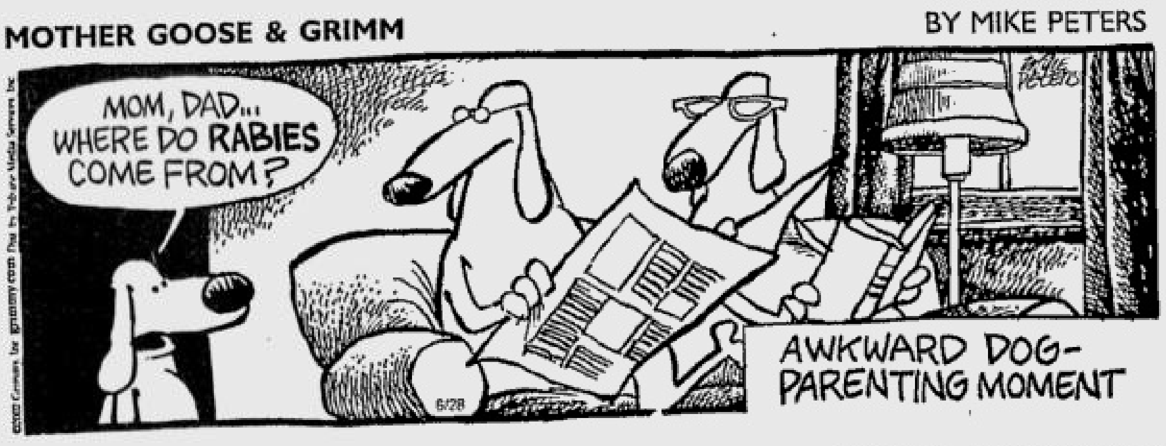
MOM, DAD... WHERE DO RABIES COME FROM?
AWKWARD DOG-PARENTING MOMENT

ATOMO AND WEBOY

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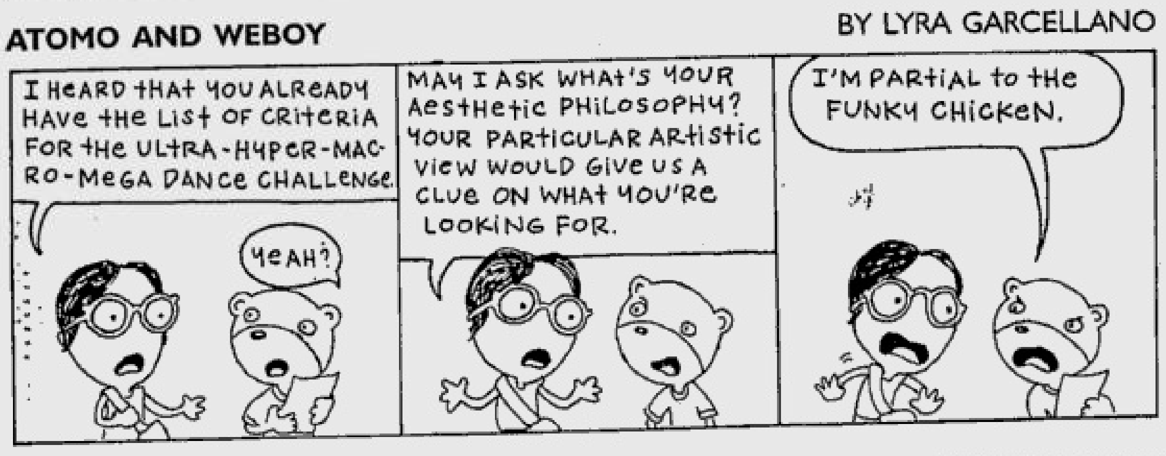
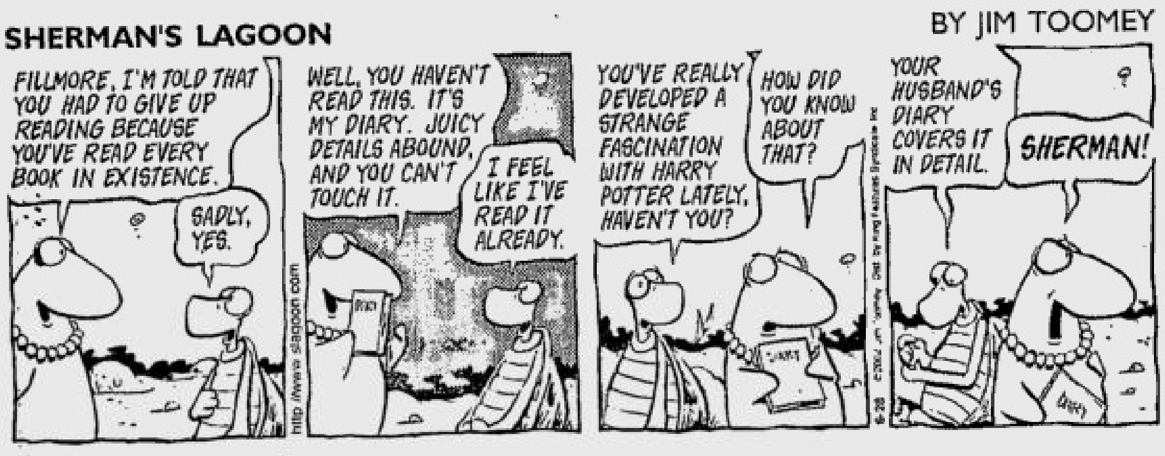

I HEARD THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE THE LIST OF CRITERIA FOR THE ULTRA-HYPER-MACRO-MEGA DANCE CHALLENGE.
YEAH?
MAY I ASK WHAT'S YOUR AESTHETIC PHILOSOPHY? YOUR PARTICULAR ARTISTIC VIEW WOULD GIVE US A CLUE ON WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.
I'M PARTIAL TO THE FUNKY CHICKEN.

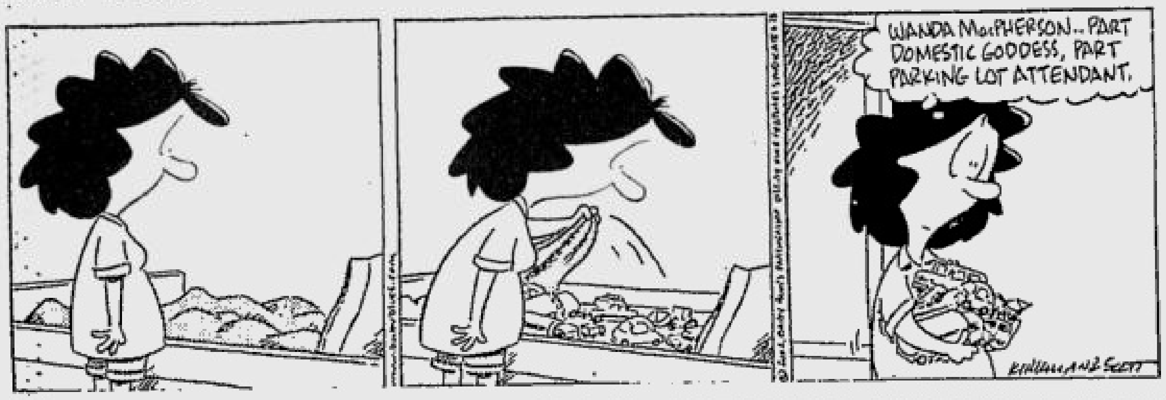
SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY


FILLMORE, I'M TOLD THAT YOU HAD TO GIVE UP READING BECAUSE YOU'VE READ EVERY BOOK IN EXISTENCE.
SADLY, YES.
WELL, YOU HAVEN'T READ THIS. IT'S MY DIARY. JUICY DETAILS ABOUND, AND YOU CAN'T TOUCH IT.
I FEEL LIKE I'VE READ IT ALREADY.
YOU'VE REALLY DEVELOPED A STRANGE FASCINATION WITH HARRY POTTER LATELY, HAVEN'T YOU?
HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?
YOUR HUSBAND'S DIARY COVERS IT IN DETAIL.
SHERMAN!

BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


WANDA MacPHERSON... PART DOMESTIC GODDESS, PART PARKING LOT ATTENDANT.

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kathy Bates, Mel Brooks, John Cusack, Gilda Radner

Happy Birthday: Your ambitious nature will lead to advancement. You will feel the need to be praised for a job well done. Get involved in groups and organizations that respond to causes you believe in. Your desire for leadership will put you in the limelight. You will meet interesting people in strange places. Your numbers are 8, 15, 29, 37, 41, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Getting involved in something you believe in will do a world of good for your morale. Talk to someone you trust. Good advice will get you back on track.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let yourself get trapped in a relationship that is not in your best interest. You can't achieve your goals as long as you have issues hanging over your head.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will hit an all-time high in the creative market. Get involved in projects that will allow you to use your talents. Children can be a source of motivation today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't get all worked up today just because your plans get ruined due to problems that children or an older relative are experiencing. Make the best of the situation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take the first step and let your thoughts be known. You will have some wonderful ideas. Outsiders will be interested in helping you put your plans in motion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let your creative mind take over and do the best job possible. You can do your best work today if you concentrate on detail and adding extra touches that make your work unique.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let the little things get you down. You're in a much better position than you realize. Your creative ideas will be well received if you present them yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Think twice before you make a decision that will affect others. You will face greater opposition than you thought possible. Check out all the possibilities available but don't make a move just yet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel will bring you a source of knowledge that will broaden your awareness. Deals can be made with potential partners who share similar interests and talents.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sudden changes regarding your position and financial outlook appear to be quite promising. Take advantage of a deal that is presented to you. You could turn your life around if you move quickly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be so busy running around doing this and that you'll probably miss out on an opportunity that is right in front of you. Stop trying to control and start taking advantage of your true talent.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Something funny may be going on behind your back. You must not let anyone handle your financial papers. You may feel like having fun today but you'd be wise to take care of business first.

Birthday Baby: You will be able to make money easily, but you will also want to live extravagantly. Your generosity to family and friends may leave you cash poor. You will do better in a position of authority and you may find it difficult to take orders

DAILY CROSSWORD

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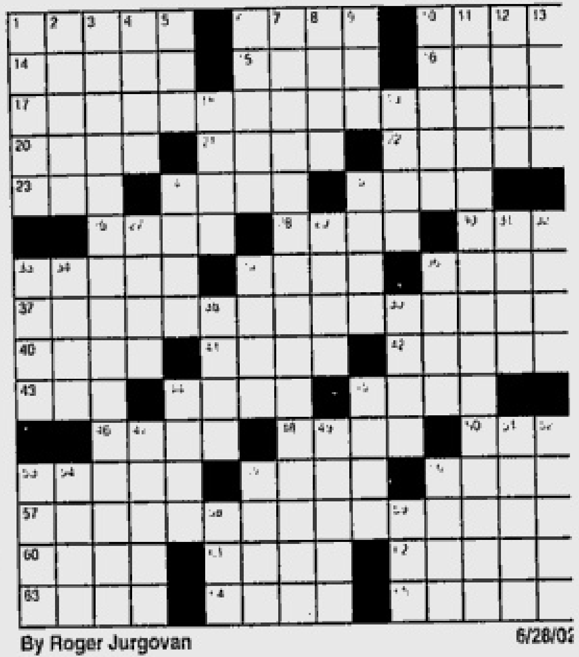

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ACROSS

1 Garden pest
6 Questionable
10 Frank
14 Ganders
15 Currency of Georgia
16 Energetic dancer
17 Each line of this puzzle's theme
20 Paper tablets
21 Ram
22 Compact
23 Lilly or Wallach
24 Luxurious stretch?
25 Blow off steam
26 Sgts., e.g.
28 Ice field
30 Lubricate
33 Regardless of the fact that, for short
35 Fret and fuss
36 Frizzy do
37 In private
40 Fifty-fifty
41 Distiller grains
42 Irregularly notched
43 Twitch
44 Verse form
45 Redolence
46 Vault
48 Proficient
50 Seth's mother
53 Athletic endeavor
55 Greek colonnade
56 "Nana" star
57 Heap with ridicule
60 Dismantle
61 Enthusiastic corner?
62 Cavalryman's need
63 Remainder
64 Call on the golf course
65 City or circle preceder

DOWN

1 Slack-jawed
2 Of punishment
3 Lost in thought
4 Doctrines
5 Aberdeen's river
6 Pelvic bone
7 Reality
8 Coll. social group
9 Yang partner
10 Humorous poet Nash
11 Last chance for second thoughts
12 Vanities
13 Iditarod terminus
18 Bagwell stats
19 __ fixe
24 Diving bird
25 Pledges
27 Facial feature
29 Dregs
31 Furies
32 Be vanquished
33 Help the yegg
34 Italian writer Primo
35 Eyelid infection
36 Dynamic starter?
38 Let lapse
39 Relinquish
44 Trail
45 Norwegian king
47 Grain rot
49 Kentucky pioneer
51 Poetry
52 Input
53 Disparage
54 Window element
55 Type of wrestling
56 Anon
58 Palooka
59 Phi-psi connector

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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A. LIPIN

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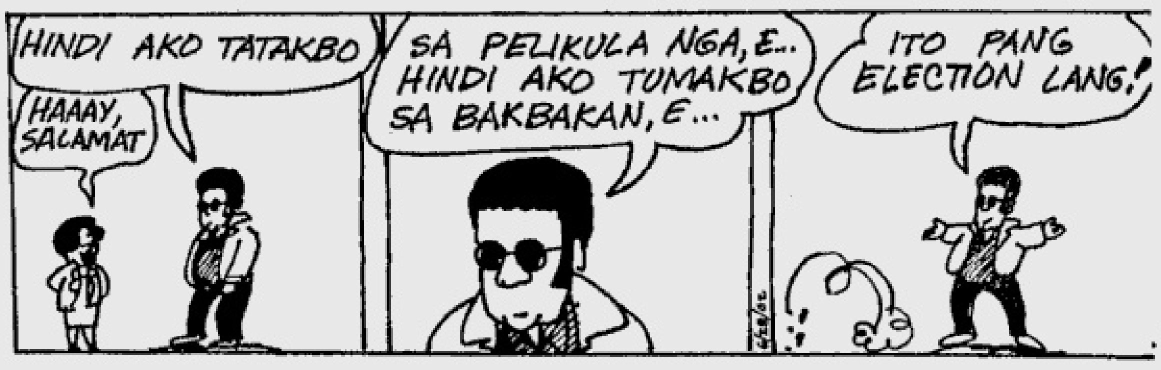
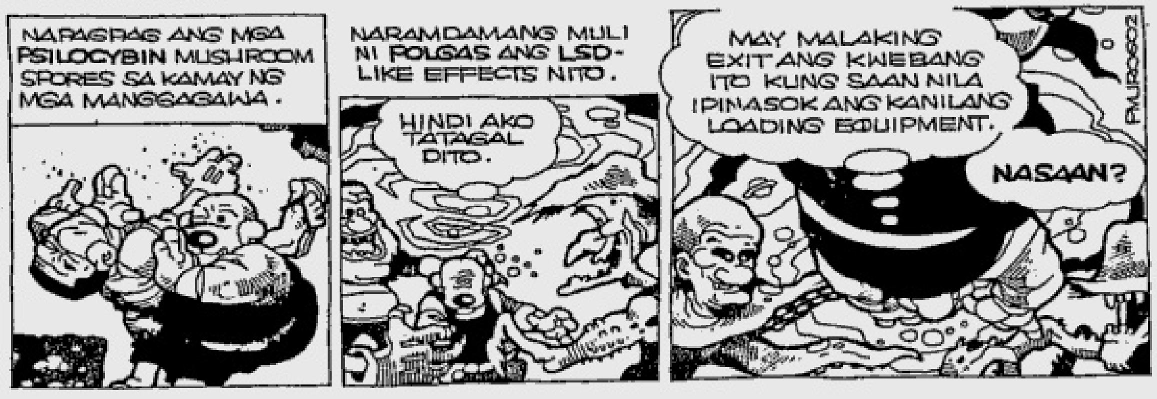

HINDI AKO TATAKBO
HAAAY, SALAMAT
SA PELIKULA NGA, E... HINDI AKO TUMAKBO SA BAKBAKAN, E...
ITO PANG ELECTION LANG!

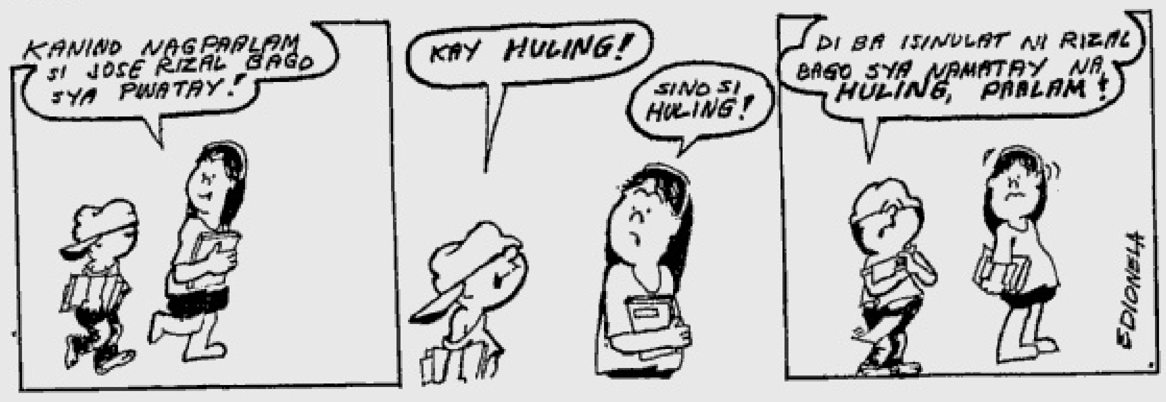
PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


NAPAGPAG ANG MGA PSILOCYBIN MUSHROOM SPORES SA KAMAY NG MGA MANGGAGAWA.
NARAMDAMANG MULI NI POLGAS ANG LSD-LIKE EFFECTS NITO.
HINDI AKO TATAGAL DITO.
MAY MALAKING EXIT ANG KWEBANG ITO KUNG SAAN NILA IPINASOK ANG KANILANG LOADING EQUIPMENT.
NASAAN?

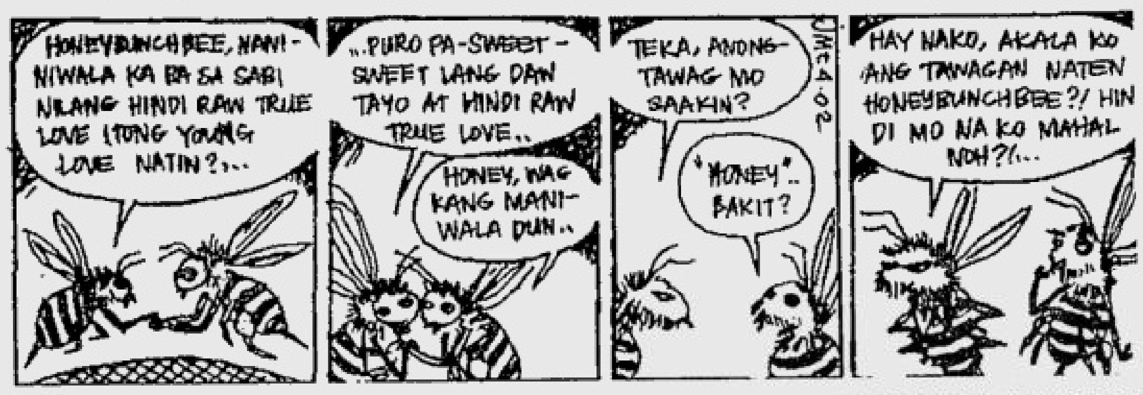
SIMO

BY EDGAR DIONELA


KANINO NAGPAALAM SI JOSE RIZAL BAGO SYA PUMATAY!
KAY HULING!
SINO SI HULING!
DI BA ISINULAT NI RIZAL BAGO SYA NAMATAY NA HULING, PAALAM!
EDIONELA

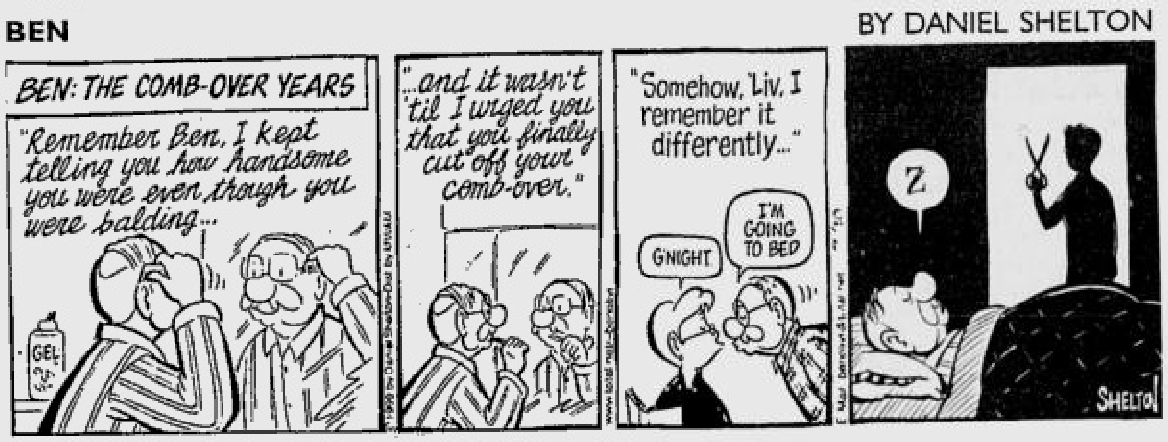
MIKROKOSMOS

BY JOMIKE TEJIDO


HONEYBUNCHBEE, NANINIWALA KA BA SA SABI NILANG HINDI RAW TRUE LOVE ITONG YOUNG LOVE NATIN?...
..PURO PA-SWEET-SWEET LANG DAW TAYO AT HINDI RAW TRUE LOVE..
HONEY, WAG KANG MANIWALA DUN..
TEKA, ANONG TAWAG MO SAAKIN?
"HONEY".. BAKIT?
HAY NAKO, AKALA KO ANG TAWAGAN NATEN HONEYBUNCHBEE?! HINDI MO NA KO MAHAL NOH?!...

BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


BEN: THE COMB-OVER YEARS
"Remember Ben, I kept telling you how handsome you were even though you were balding...
...and it wasn't 'til I urged you that you finally cut off your comb-over."
"Somehow, Liv, I remember it differently..."
G'NIGHT
I'M GOING TO BED
Z
SHELTON

MUTTS

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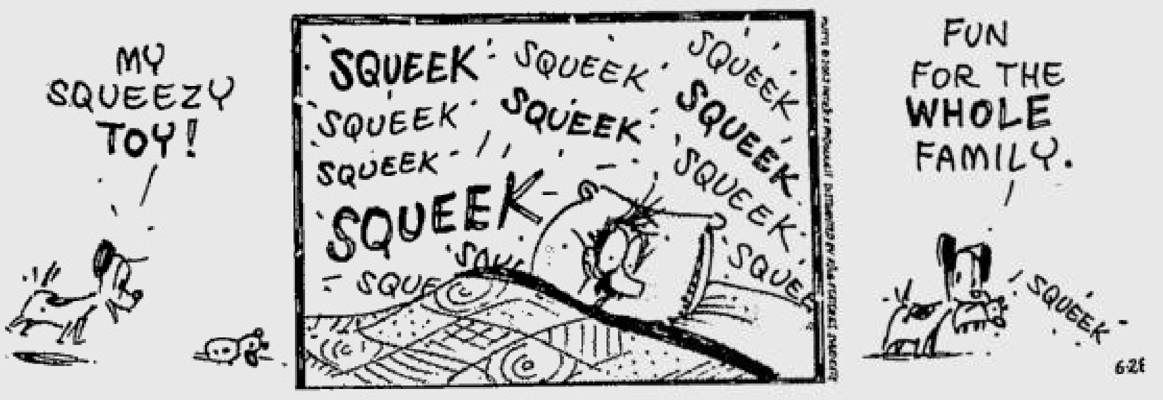
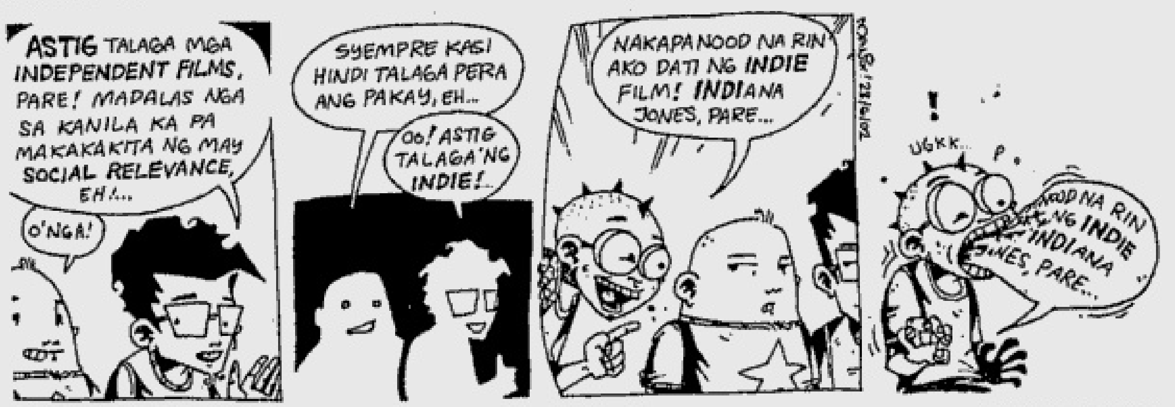

MY SQUEEZY TOY!
SQUEEK SQUEEK SQUEEK SQUEEK SQUEEK SQUEEK SQUEEK SQUEEK SQUEEK SQUE SQUE
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.
SQUEEK

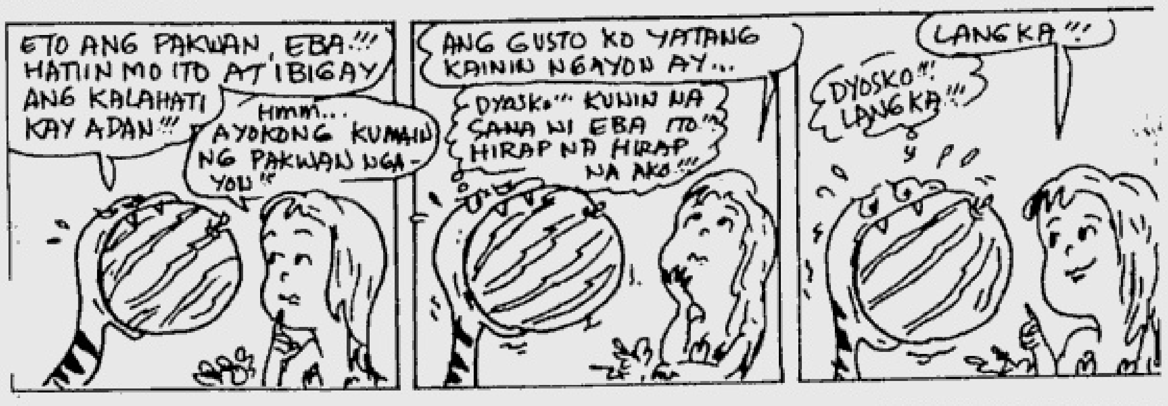
KIKO MACHINE

BY MANIX ABRERA


ASTIG TALAGA MGA INDEPENDENT FILMS, PARE! MADALAS NGA SA KANILA KA PA MAKAKAKITA NG MAY SOCIAL RELEVANCE, EH!...
O'NGA!
SYEMPRE KASI HINDI TALAGA PERA ANG PAKAY, EH...
OO! ASTIG TALAGA'NG INDIE!
NAKAPANOOD NA RIN AKO DATI NG INDIE FILM! INDIANA JONES, PARE...
UGKK...

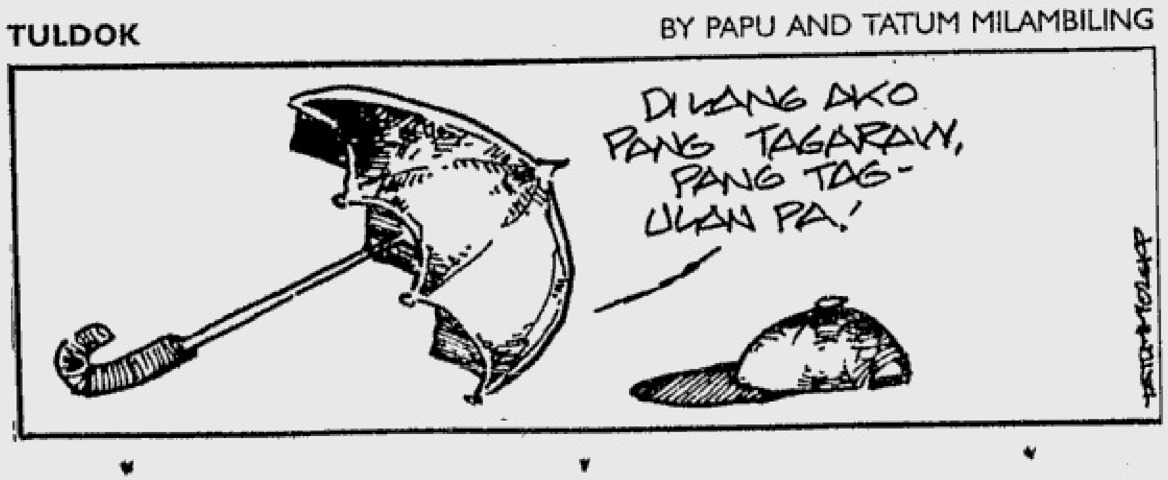
LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


ETO ANG PAKWAN, EBA!!! HATIIN MO ITO AT IBIGAY ANG KALAHATI KAY ADAN!!!
HMM... AYOKONG KUMAIN NG PAKWAN NGAYOU!!
ANG GUSTO KO YATANG KAININ NGAYON AY...
DYOSKO!!! KUNIN NA SANA NI EBA ITO!!! HIRAP NA HIRAP NA AKO!!!
LANGKA!!!
DYOSKO!! LANGKA!!!

TULDOK

BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


DI LANG AKO PANG TAGARAW, PANG TAG-ULAN PA!

Read labels to ensure you're getting real thing

MAKE sure you get only the real thing when shopping by reading labels carefully. This was stressed by Orocan, a trusted name in household products known for its innovative home accessories that range from pails to storage bins and cabinets. The company, which has been in the business for 20 years, says there is no substitute for a product that lasts longer and gives value for money.

Orocan uses a unique and exclusive technology that strengthens the material and its various parts, guaranteeing that its products will last. Its wide array of products are easy to store, arrange and organize. It has received two international awards—the Golden American Award for Quality in New York, USA and the Golden Europe Award for Quality in Paris, France.

With its products often duplicated and copied, Orocan has been waging a campaign against fakes. It advises consumers to look at the label first before buying any product to make sure they are getting true value for their money.

Market researches show that Orocan and Caha de Oro lead in brand awareness studies nationwide (96 percent and 92 percent, respectively), and also lead in brand ownership nationwide.

Many imitations in the market copy the style but without a guarantee of the same quality and durability. Consumers can protect themselves by reading labels carefully.

Fine cutlery to match good food

WUTTERMBERGISCHE Metallwarenfabrik's (WMF) kitchenware has had an excellent reputation for generations because of its functionality and design. The company has a Product Development Department with its own design studio and has worked closely with renowned designers since the 1920s. Discerning customers can find WMF products in specialized retail shops, leading department stores, select mail-order companies and WMF-owned outlets. WMF is available in the Philippines at Deco Centrum, Edsa cor Annapolis street in Greenhills, San Juan.

Professionals trust WMF the same way as private customers. WMF is among the leading suppliers of good restaurants, first-rate hotels and quality conscious food service institutions.

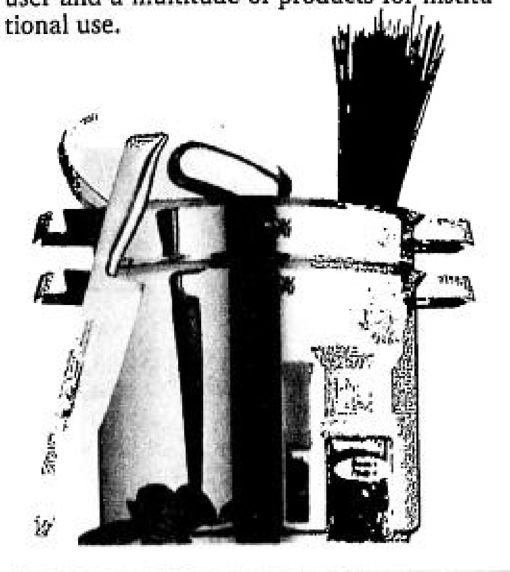
WMF has ultra-modern production facilities for table cutlery, cookware, tableware, kitchen cutlery and commercial coffee machines. The company was founded in 1853 and prides itself on being a supplier of products that are cut above those of their competitors with regards to design, quality and functionality.

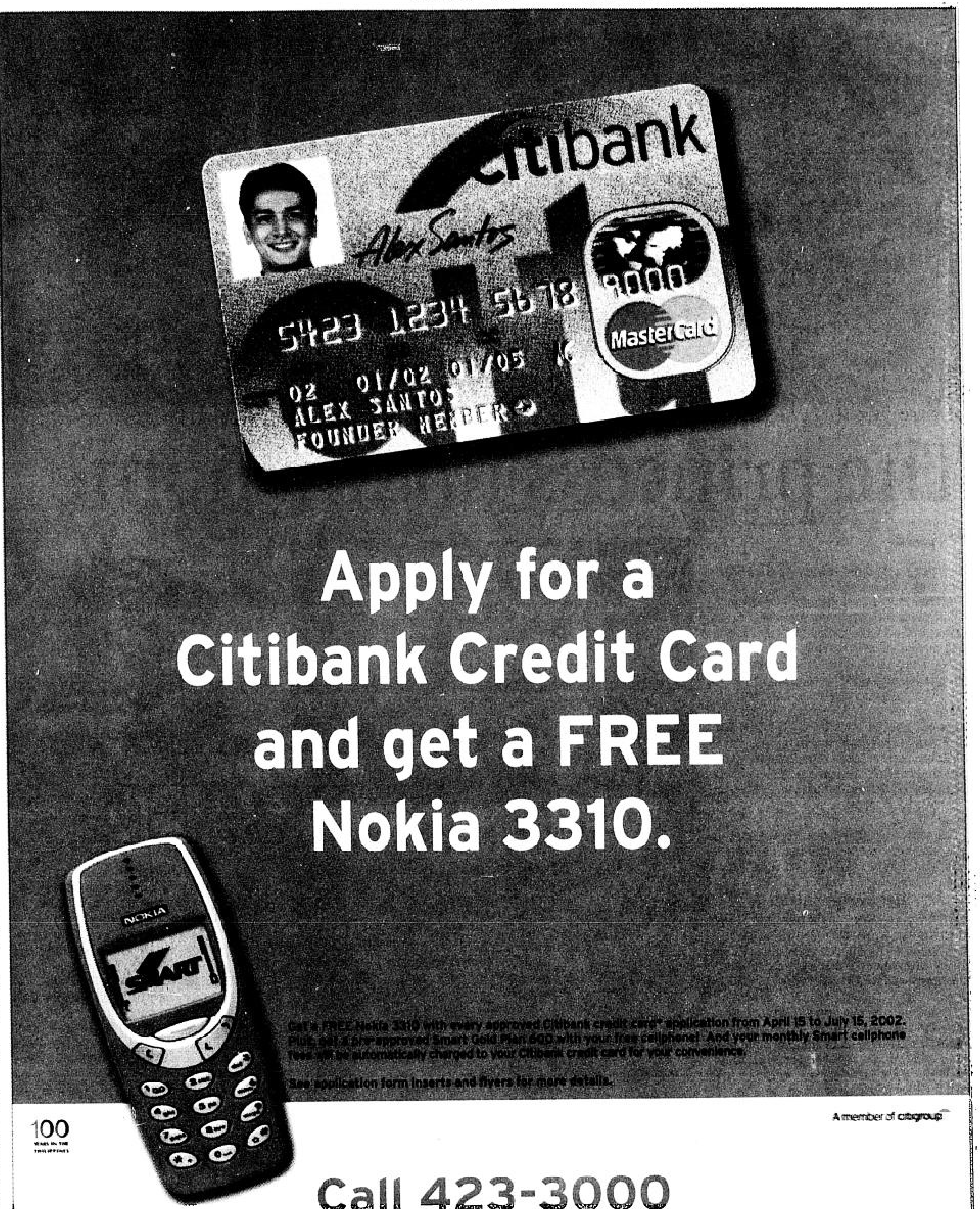
Extensive computerization throughout all production stages, from initial design and construction of models to manufacture of productions tools, ensures that the new products can be developed in the shortest possible time.

WMF is committed to a future of maintaining its reputation for quality, reliability, technical advancement and innovation.

Cutlery is to good food while champagne is to a festive buffet. Only the most advanced manufacturing technology is capable of producing WMF cutlery, which is a masterpiece of modern precision craftsmanship. The factory uses Cromargan. This is 18/10 stainless steel, which is resistant to corrosion, insensitive to food acids and detergents, and resistant to scratches. The lines are clear and have neat balance. A lot of time goes into deciding how the weight of a spoon should be distributed over its length. The prongs of the fork are not only pressed; even the spaces undergo further finishing so food residue does not stay there. The blade of the knife is made out of special blade of steels and keeps a sharp cutting edge.

WMF carries a wide range of products in numerous designs for cutlery, gift items, and cooking and food preparations for the private user and a multitude of products for institutional use.





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The princess finds a home

Ayen Munji-Laurel, former Brunei princess, finds freedom and peace in a house the size of anyone's wildest dream

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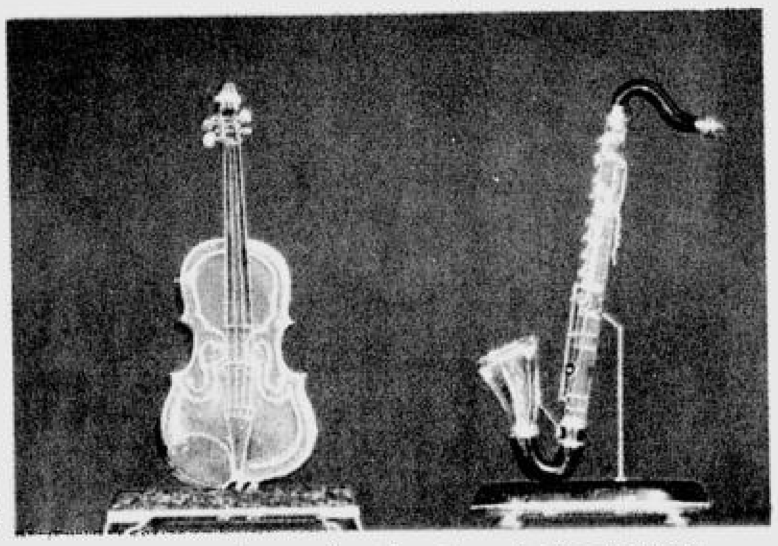
glittering parts of the world—London, Paris, New York and Brunei.

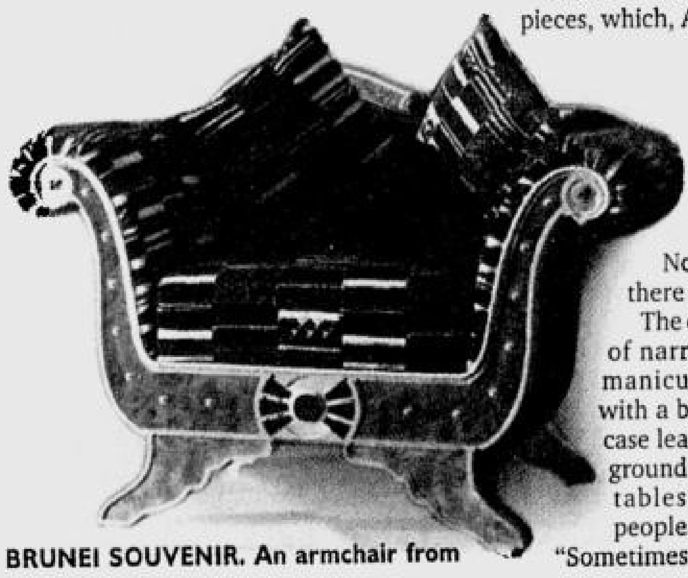
At that time, she opted to stay away from the public's eye due to the requirements of royal protocol. Expectedly, people gave an exaggerated account of her unusually privileged existence. They gushed about her luxurious lifestyle, her incredible jewels and the scores of household help who served her hand and foot.

But when the royal marriage turned sour, Ayen turned her back on a life of wealth, power and prestige for real happiness.

"There was no sense of permanence with that kind of life," Ayen grants. "I lived everywhere and I didn't even get to see my husband regularly. It bored me and made me miss home."

Last year, Ayen married singer Franco Laurel. The couple is expecting the first baby in October. It will be a girl they will name Maria Ylenna Angia.


CRYSTAL accent pieces reflect Ayen's musical background.


BRUNEI SOUVENIR. An armchair from the palace

Her own architect

Ayen was still living in the palace in Brunei when her house in Ayala Alabang started construction in 1996. But she made sure she approved every material that was used. She was constantly updated about every part, every detail.

"There were people going to Brunei regularly, and they would show me pictures and videos of the house so I could see what part was already finished," she recalls. "I also chose the materials they presented to me, from the tiles to the carpets and the wood."

What used to stand on the 2,700-sq-m lot was the house of Iñigo Zobel. Ayen had the structure torn down. She built her dream house from scratch.

Himself a resident of Ayala Alabang, Franco recalls he used to pass by the house when he drove his grandfather, former Ambassador to Japan Jose Laurel III, to the nearby Alabang Country Club.

"At that time, I had just arrived from Japan where I studied," Franco shares. "I saw how big this house was and I said, 'O.A. *naman. Sinira pa 'yung bahay ni* Iñigo Zobel.' Little did I know I would live here one day."

The three-story house takes up an entire block on one of the main roads of the village. It has a six-car garage, a heated swimming pool, an outdoor jacuzzi, a well-equipped gym and centralized air-conditioning.

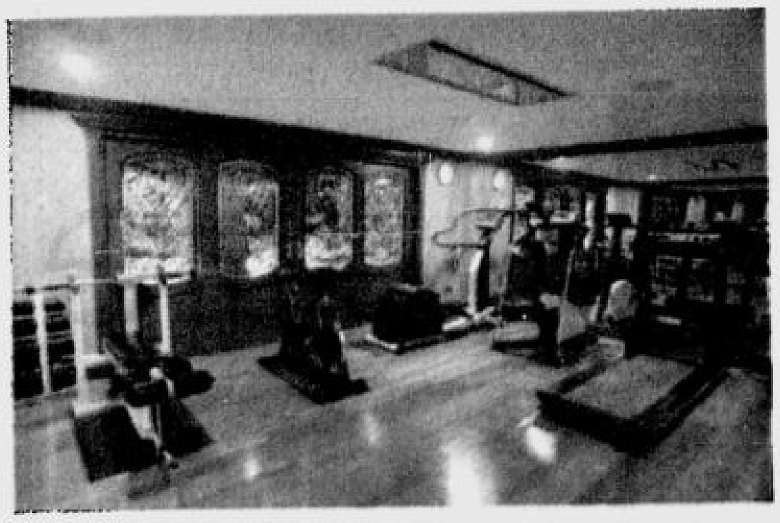
"The doors are made of narra, that's why they require a certain cool temperature so the wood will not bleed," Ayen explains.

She adds that her penchant for peach exteriors and Mediterranean colors shows in the house.

Not conjugal

Her former husband does not have a right to the house because it is not a conjugal property, she says. "I built it using my own savings."

Manning the house are 20 uniformed maids, excluding live-in drivers and security guards. On top of the day-to-day activities is Ayen's first cousin, Cynthia Bayaborda, who is fondly called Chang. She was also one of the principal sponsors at Ayen and Franco's wedding last year.


THE BASEMENT gym is complete with modern body-building equipment.

Ayen's house has tasteful and elegant interiors done by Edith Oliveros. They went to London, Florence and Barcelona to scout for tables, chairs, antique pieces and tons of decorative items, all of which are distinctly expensive.

An exquisite chandelier looks like a palatial centerpiece on the ceiling of the living room. Ayen recalls it took days and the grueling work of several men to put the huge chandelier in place.

Passersby along the main road of the village swear that when the chandelier is lighted, the glow from inside the house can be seen even from a distance.

"I bought the chandelier in London," Ayen says. "The workers had a hard time assembling it and putting it up."

Directly below the chandelier is a Yamaha grand piano with an exquisite crystal cover, also shipped from London.

The imposing spiral staircase on both sides frames the posh living room, giving it the look of a five-star hotel.

Years of living in the Brunei palace apparently made Ayen adopt a few of her royal routine, so that she saw the need for formal and informal receiving rooms in her own house.

Cocoon

The entire second floor is Ayen's bedroom, with a salon, private dining room and small kitchen, library and office. Now that Ayen is five months on the family way, she prefers to be cocooned in her exclusive corner in the house.

She wants her room dark, without any sunlight. "So I don't easily wake up even if it's already daylight," she says.

The rooms of her two kids—Yela and Kiko—and the playroom are on the third floor, where a nursery for the new baby is also being built. Late this month, Ayen and Franco plan to leave for a vacation in Japan, where she also plans to buy some baby clothes.

Franco converted a room on the third floor into his private nook.

"If you happen to be in his room, you'd think you're in another place and not in this house," Ayen says. "The motif is very different."

Franco's room is Zen-inspired with a modern, minimalist design. He added Japanese touches to remind him of the five years he spent in Tokyo, where he studied at Keio University.

They also have separate bathrooms. "That's one way to avoid arguments," Franco insists. "The closet space is not enough for her shoes alone."

Ayen collects designer shoes, which she can't keep count of. She simply smiled when told that her closet must have more than Imelda Marcos' infamous 3,000 pairs.

"I have this [bad] habit of just buying and then I'd realize I already have that style *na pala* or that color, sometimes two *pa nga*," she says. "I used to wear gowns a lot when I was still in Brunei, so I've collected so many shoes."

She has several pairs by Blahnik, Prada, Jimmy Choo and Gucci. She also has bags by Chanel and clothes by Christian Lacroix.

Basement parties

The basement of the house is large enough for parties. It is also there where Ayen often entertains most of her visitors. Frequent guests from show biz include Martin Nievera and Pops Fernandez, who also have their houses in Ayala Alabang.

Inside the entertainment room at the basement is a baby grand piano in a slightly elevated corner area. Below it are a set of small bongos and songbooks from Broadway musicals like "Miss Saigon," "Rent," "A Chorus Line" and "Evita."

The rain sticks used from the local musical "Rama at Sita," which Ayen produced in 1999, are also displayed beside her son's ukulele, all leaning against the wall.

Lladro porcelains compete for attention with crystal décor pieces. A number of accent pieces depict Ayen's musical background. Even the trashcans have musical note designs.

Wood and leather dominate the interiors and furnishings, which evoke warm, homey colors, including the carpets.

The leather-upholstered couches were shipped from Barcelona. On top of the center table is an Orlina glass piece.

Ayen brought home some furniture from Brunei, like two comfy armchairs with royal-blue upholstery.

At the far end of the room are two dining sets in mahogany.

There's a chess set made of exquisite Lladro pieces, which, Ayen says, are gifts.

Gym

In a separate room at the basement is a gym with complete and modern body-building equipment. Before Ayen got pregnant, she spent hours in the gym. Now it's Franco who works out there regularly.

The doors of the music room, made of narra and glass, open to a well-manicured lawn and a dining area with a bar. A narrow, cemented staircase leads to the spacious lanai on the ground floor, with two long Japanese tables, which can seat up to 35 people.

"Sometimes Ayen and I eat here," Franco says.

From the lanai, the entrance hall to the house is adorned with priceless paintings by Amorsolo, Luna, Malang, Legaspi, Joya, Garibay and Westerndorp.

Franco says he gifted Ayen with her portrait painting done by Clarence Duarte. "It's not as expensive as the paintings she collects, but I had that one especially made for her," he says.

There's a dance studio where Ayen's daughter rehearses. Its gallery also boasts of Ayen's painting collection.

Displayed, rather preserved, in a small room with glass windows are celebrity gowns that Ayen bought from auctions in London and New York. A '60s-inspired gray two-piece owned by Jackie O shares the space with gowns of actresses Audrey Hepburn and Michelle Pfeiffer, supermodel Claudia Schiffer and the late Princess Diana—all in mannequin stands.

Adjacent to it is a recording studio equipped with state-of-the-art trappings, including a huge mixer. It was there where they recorded songs for "Rama at Sita."

Her house has given Ayen the freedom from the opulent but severely restricted life of a princess, with no rules of protocol to limit her statements and actions.

More important, it has given Ayen the happiness she has long pined for, with her family to share it with.

"Now you can really call this a home," she says.

A HEATED pool for a swim any time of the day

Makeup that camouflages skin flaws

ARLYN Garcia, Conrad Perreras, Ivy Maines and Menchu Mitra of BMS at the launching of the Jane Iredale Mineral Makeup

IVY Maines, managing director of BMS (a division of CSP Corp.), who has brought the Jane Iredale Skin Care Makeup Collection to the Philippines together with business partner, Conrad Perreras, president and CEO of CSP Corp. says, "I find it quite loathsome to see and hear products that call themselves 'natural' yet are anything but. Which is why I was so pleased to have met Jane Iredale more than a year ago, who has developed a makeup range based on powdered mineral pigments, with not a chemical in sight."

"I realized there was a niche for make-up that could be good for the skin," Iredale told Maines. Most of the labs Iredale went to told her it couldn't be done. But she persevered, and now Jane Iredale Skin Care Makeup range is offered by dermatologists to cosmetic surgery and laser resurfacing patients, because it's gentle enough to be used on post-op skin, to cover up bruising and redness. It is increasingly recommended to cancer patients, too, who are told by doctors to eat organic food, but have few chemical-free cosmetic choices. Yet what they put on their skin is also making its way into the bloodstream. Think about it: you put moisturizer on your skin, or foundation on your face, and it disappears. Where does it go? Into your body, not into thin air. What's more, the mineral pigments give an incredibly high level of sun protection and the lack of sensitizers and fragrances makes it ideal for even the most sensitive-skinned. It is completely natural, hypoallergenic and actually good for your complexion.

Maines, who used to be plagued with acne, blemishes and scars and has tried every so-called effective "camouflage" makeup, swears to the natural and unsurpassed coverage that the minerals provide. "It's just unbelievable how a makeup line can achieve that effect, but Jane Iredale's Mineral Makeup has done a terrific job of being actually good for the skin," Maines said.

Jane Iredale is the president and founder of Iredale Mineral Cosmetics. Before she formed her cosmetic company in 1994, Iredale had been in film, theater and television. She formed her own production company and produced more than 50 programs for PBS and HBO. She now sells her mineral makeup line throughout the world exclusively to physicians and skin care specialists.

Chemical-free collection

The Jane Iredale Skin Care Makeup range includes: Amazing Base and Purepressed Base, loose and pressed mineral powders with 12 tones to choose from. Amazing Base, with SPF 20, is a foundation and powder in one applied to the skin in fine layers with a brush. Purepressed Base, with SPF 17, contains Pycnogenol (a potent anti-oxidant) and natural Vitamin E combined to create a finish slightly more matte than the loose minerals.

Purepressed Blush and Eye Shadows are highly pigmented products that can be applied anywhere on the face. Use wet for lip and eyeliners, dry for eye shadow and blush. Blushes are available in 14 fantastic shades. Eye Shadow pressed mineral powders come in an array of colors, 10 with blue undertones, 10 with yellow undertones, eight Deadly Night Shades and four Eye Shimmers.

Circle/Delete is hailed as the ultimate in under-eye concealers. It contains jojoba esters, sunflowers and avocado oil to nourish and moisturize as an eye treatment. It also contains Vitamin K to help diminish under-eye dark circles.

Puremoist Lipcolor and Lipsheer is an all natural lip color formula, which is ultra conditioning and extra smooth. There are eight glossy lip-shine shades and 23 conditioning colors available in the range.

Iredale's Mascara is hypoallergenic, gentle waterproof formulation with panthenol. It won't smear, flake or smudge and is available in two shades.

The brand's soft and gentle Eye Pencils are made with conditioning oils and waxes. The selection of six eye and nine lip pencils are completely interchangeable.

Covercare is an easy-to-apply cream that completely covers port wine stains, hyperpigmentation or bruising.

D20 is a super hydration spray with fragrant *ylang-ylang* which conditions and plumps up the skin's surface, giving the face a more youthful appearance. Research has found that D20 (deuterium oxide), also known as heavy water, inactivates certain acne bacteria making it an ideal moisturizer for blemish-prone skin.

There is also a special collection of hand-tied brushes to complement the range.

Jane Iredale The Skin Care MakeUp collection is available in the Philippines through dermatologists, plastic surgeons and cosmetic surgeons nationwide. Call (0918) 914-7571.

Real People. True Stories.

"Teenager? You must mean my daughters! With Imedeen, my skin's smooth even without make-up."

Joanna Valencia-de Jesus,
33, AVP for Finance, interior design student,
mother of two

Joanna de Jesus has the fresh face of a college girl -- plus a successful career and not one but two teenaged daughters! Yet you'd never guess it from her skin: "People can't believe I'm 33!" Thanks to Imedeen, Joanna's not only maintained her young skin -- she's even *improved* it: "I wasn't born with perfect skin. I had sunspots and tiny veins, but they're almost gone; now I don't even need foundation!" Only Imedeen nourishes skin from deep within -- for a smooth, firm, defiantly youthful complexion *without* time consuming rituals. So when her daughters' friends or her own classmates are amazed at her age, Joanna just smiles and says "Believe it -- and believe Imedeen." Imedeen. The Skin Care Tablet.

Ultrasound images of the skin structure: First photo shows photodamaged dermis; second photo shows denser structure which implies better support and ability to hold moisture.

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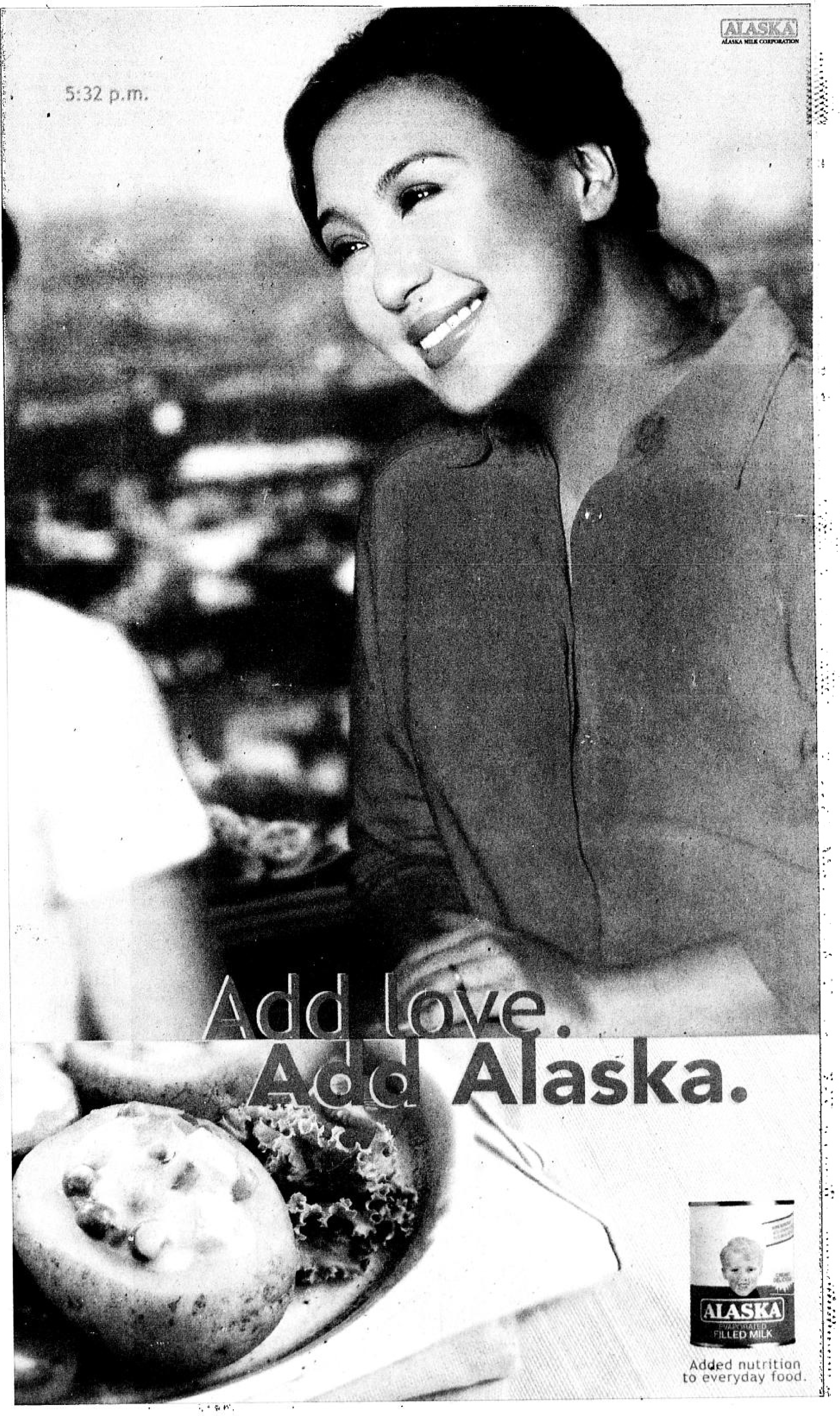
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Where women are served for lunch

By Jose Javier Reyes
Contributor

Women are always portrayed as 'nabababoy' or 'nagpapababoy' on television

ONE lazy Saturday afternoon, I had a catered lunch with some coworkers from a production house and the advertising business.

A television set was turned on as we devoured the food and coped with a busted air-conditioning unit, convincing ourselves that we did not resemble dimsum steamed by Manila's humidity. Neither the taste of good food nor gripes about the heat (or the proposed taxation of text messaging or Balikatan) matched the spectacle on the TV screen.

A bevy of bold stars (read: women who expose flesh for people's basic or artistic pleasure) participated in a grand shebang that promised a small fortune if they won. It was the weekend edition of a noontime variety show—the kind that has mutated into a cross between a high-tech Ziegfield Follies, a Cirque de Soleil sans acrobats, and our traditional *perya*.

The special edition was being held in a resort in the outskirts of polluted Manila. The women were garbed in swimwear that a) maximized the jiggling of mammary glands at the slightest movement, b) exposed a substantial amount of flesh, from firm thighs to embarrassing *bilbil*, and c) provided ample entertainment to a hoard of local males in a waist-deep pool.

The men gawked, screamed and salivated as the women danced and strutted to a Latin tune.

I did not realize I was still capable of being shocked. A female companion wailed, "*Ano ba 'yan?*" as we observed the swimming pool boors behaving like baboc...

But the girls kept smiling like digitally generated beauty contestants, occasionally checking the location of their bikini, making sure that just so much flesh showed. After all, *may nanonood na mga bata*... not to mention *'yung mga isip-bata.*

Our jaws literally dropped when we saw what the girls were made to do. Still in their two-piece swimwear, the bold stars slid down a waterless water slide—let me repeat that for emphasis: *slid down a waterless water slide. Naturalmente*, some of the girls ended up flat on their derrieres.

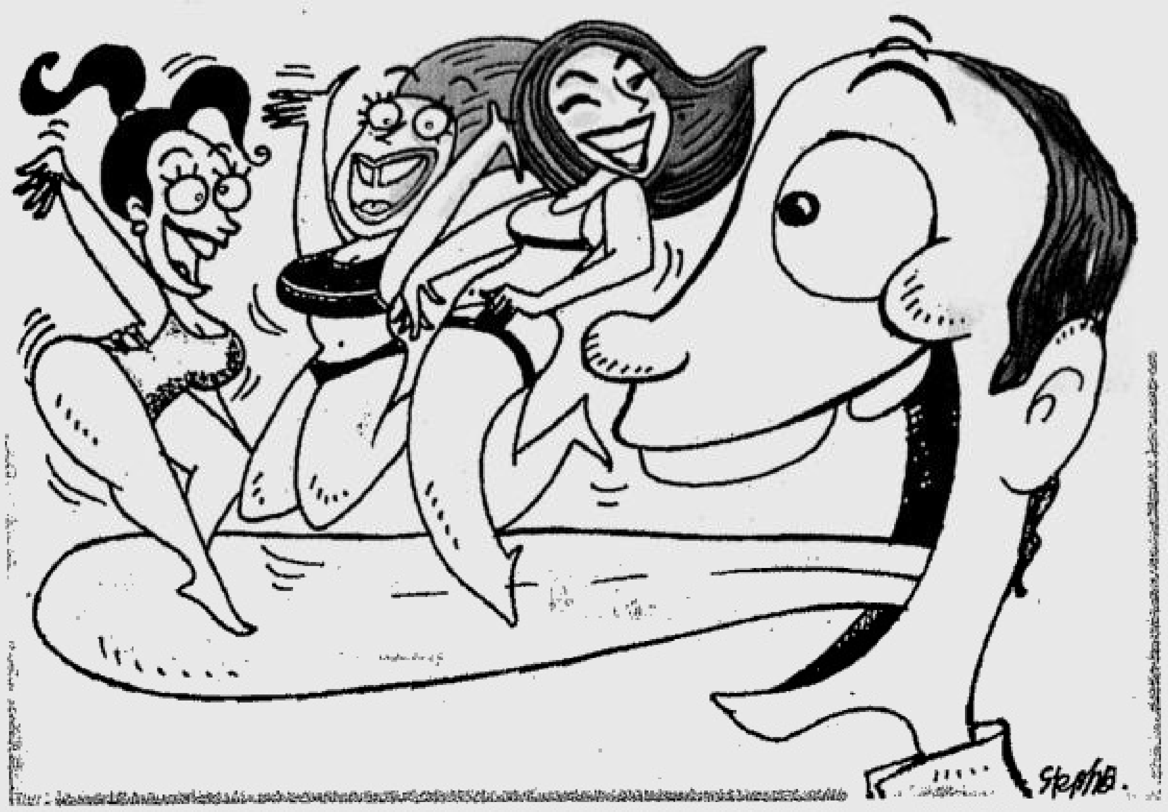
As the camera captured the girls doing snake-like contortions on the water slide (more jiggling boobs, more quivering flesh, but with a frightened look on their faces), the swimming pool crowd morphed from gorillas to Godzillas.

"*Diyos ko... Ano ba yan?*" again exclaimed the woman in our company.

"Twenty-first century *na*," somebody said. "You can see almost anything on TV, including people eating worms for a cash prize of $50,000."

So what is the moral lesson here? "People will do anything for money... that's all. *Mahirap ang buhay ngayon.*"

What struck me about this surprising side dish was that, a little earlier, I had a migraine-inducing conversation with a self-professed feminist. She was one of those push-button social critics with an opinion on everything.



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Miss Feminista was close to bashing my head because I worked for media, specifically television, where she said all women were victimized by the stereotypes. "They are bimbos, bitches or broomsticks. They are nymphomaniac ambitious whores, gonad-chewing viragos with teased and lacquered hair, or human dishrags who are physically, verbally, psychologically and spiritually abused by men! They wear lip gloss like they fell face down on a vat of *escabeche*—they are shrieking, conniving handmaidens of Lucifer with tattooed eyebrows and eye liners, or whimpering, simpering, perpetually crying parasites waiting for Divine Intervention. And it's all because of what you, guys, show on TV!"

I was speechless for a while then I told her that although the women stereotypes tend to be less than inspiring, television also provides the likes of Katrina Legarda, Ces Drilon and even, uh, Lolit Solis.

That did not convince her. She pointed out these women were never shown as women because they always wore suits. "And suits are derivatives of what men wear!"

I said, "Well, I don't think *naman* it will be credible to see either Katrina or Ces wearing a fantasy creation from a Tayuman designer while interviewing Panfilo Lacson or Lito Camacho, *ano*? And besides, Lolit has never worn a suit in any of her TV appearances! Very casual *siya*. She is always dressed up like you."

But she continued saying that women were always portrayed as *nabababoy* or *nagpapababoy* on television—objects of lustful fantasies and jokes involving lack of intelligence and vacuity.

I mentioned something about the power of ratings, how and why TV programming was perpetually dependent on audience patronage as shown by weekly statistics of market share.

"So, *ganoon lang ba yon*?You justify the humiliating image of women because that is what sells?"

I thought for a moment and said, "I think so. Television is a business. That is what the audience wants."

I tried to calm down Miss Feminista by going into amateur behavioral sciences, mentioning something about media culture and how prototypes and stereotypes respond to the immediate needs of a population at a certain point in history.

That was a major mistake. It opened not only a can, but an entire *kawa* of worms. My friend started a frenzied discussion about media affirming the perverted machismo of the Pinoy.

She said, here, machismo was defined by the ability of the Filipino male not only to show superiority over women but to deliberately and heartlessly humiliate them. No wonder it is hard to accept that we have a First Gentleman instead of a First Lady.

"You, TV people, reaffirm the distorted image of women as dumb sex objects or bawling banshees. And if ever you give your female character any sort of strength or brains, she is a soulless ball-buster out to create havoc in the universe. You portray the good woman as someone who answers the challenges in life by crying herself to dehydration. *Tama ba 'yon?!*"

Just to end the argument, I told her, "Okay, next time I talk to the people of the News and Current Affairs Department, I will tell them to ask Katrina and Ces—and even Korina, add Jessica and Tita Mel—to wear lacy ruffles or anything resembling the costumes of the Von Trapp children on "The Sound of Music." They must surely achieve utmost femininity looking like Puerto Rican debutantes in the Bronx, or even Austrian goatherds."

I had an encounter with an old college friend who had become the paragon of domesticity in her little kingdom in Ayala Alabang. Mrs. Alabang once complained about how her 6-year-old son was being brainwashed by local television into becoming a 4-ft misogynist.

I was dumbstruck: I had this perverted image of Junior smashing his Tamiya cars into his sister's Barbie dollhouse.

Mrs. Alabang quickly qualified her observations. She said her son was developing an oafish attitude toward girls: "He calls girls dumb and stupid."

I replied, "He's 6 years old. He is of that age when boys think all girls are dumb and stupid. He's still wrestling with his Oedipus complex, okay?"

I wanted to tell her that she should be worried if, at age 6, her son develops an unusual interest in the centerfolds of Assunta de Rossi or the calendars of Joyce Jimenez.

She added, "He has developed this attitude that involves laughing at women. He bullies his older sister and calls her *gaga*. He laughs harder than his father when he watches these beauty contests in noontime TV shows."

I wanted to give some thought-provoking statement but could only manage, "*Ah, eh, sampalin mo na.*"

Mrs. Alabang bewailed what she deemed as the sorry—nay, dismal—state of Philippine television. She went into a weepy enumeration of the games and contests in noontime, including a very short-lived contest involving gay cheerleaders and... gasp!... underage *baklitas* doing talent presentations to prove that there will be a future generation of transvestites and transsexuals to be exported to Japan.

"Why do they allow things like these on daytime television? What have the militant feminists and gays done to stop this dangerous nonsense?"

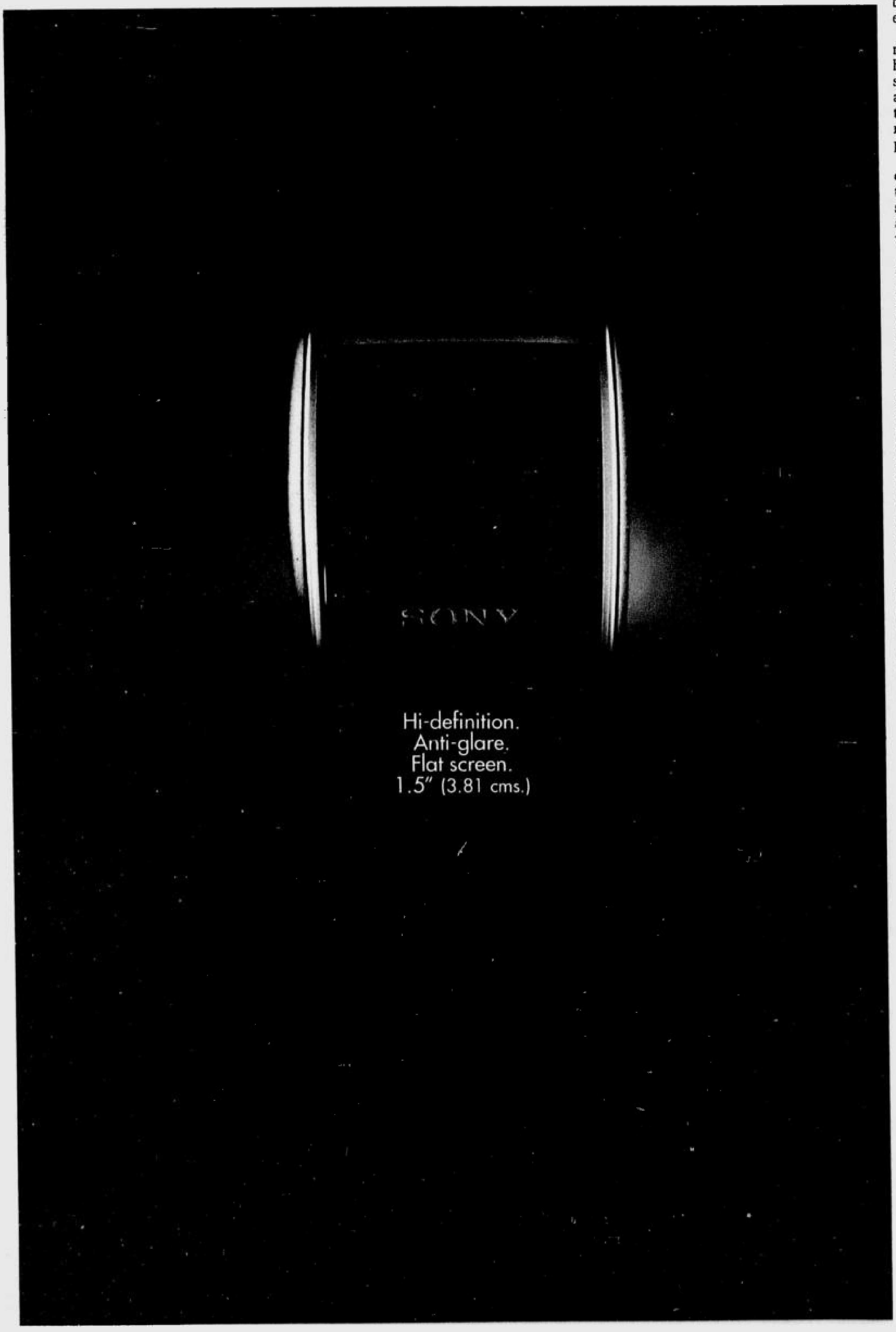
I simply shrugged my shoulders and said, "Hey, listen, I am not a member of the Kapisanan ng mga Broadkasters ng Pilipinas. I am not a member of the MTRCB. You are talking to the officially anointed national pornographer, okay?"

My old classmate sighed, shook her head and wondered what was more dangerous for Junior: watching noontime shows or being obsessed with the simulated violent games of his PlayStation. I guess she would have preferred "Ryan, Ryan Musikahan," "Aawitan Kita " or even "Ating Alamin" from sign-on to sign-off. I did not bother to explain that breeding *tilapya* or making *otap* and *espasol* did not earn impressive TV ratings—and commercials for the networks.

As I contemplated these disjointed memories, the bold actresses were getting ready for their contest. Inserted in their bikini straps were wads of P500 bills.

One of the characters in the waist-deep pool emerged to put a sash on whom he considered the sexiest girl in the lot—a bosomy creature. He ended the ritual with a kiss above the woman's right breast.

At this point, we all looked at each other, shook our heads, and finished our delicious lunch.



Earth fair features plant art guru

MOTHER Earth Fair brings together several personalities in the field of gardening, flower arrangement, natural and organic food and medicine, and prominent manufacturers of aromas, scents, candles and herbs.

The event also features alternative medicine, masseuses, acupuncturists and herbalists.

One of the featured personalities in the event is Serapion Metilla, a plant art guru who has been exhibiting and speaking about plant arts not only in the Philippines but also abroad.

He will talk about dish gardening, terranium-making, tray landscaping and mini waterfalls on June 30, 3 p.m., at the Santuario de San Antonio Parish Center Social Hall, Forbes Park, Makati City.

Greeting at the main entrance of the parish center are Metilla's latest creations, which haven't been shown in his previous exhibits.

Mother Earth Fair is scheduled June 29-30 at Santuario de San Antonio Parish Social Hall. The exhibit is open to the public from 9-6 p.m. Call 820-7879/1570 or page (1581) 632-8592.

WALL garden

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Choosing between the mind and heart

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

Dear Tita Dulce,

I am 52 years old, married to a bank senior vice president with three children who are all in their 20s. I export handicrafts.

In a recent trade exhibit, a former officemate/suitor showed up at my booth. He also showed up three days later and suggested we talk some more over coffee.

He had a business proposition. He would ask the families of his company's workers living in a mining site to supply raw materials for my products, to help them generate more income. Later, he asked some of the workers' wives to come down from Benguet to discuss with me what indigenous materials they could supply. We met in his company's conference room. Later, he prevailed upon me to join him for lunch.

He reminisced about the times we were officemates, how we became friends leading to his courtship. He said he would have proposed marriage 30 years ago, but backed out because of his being only a rank-and-file employee while my father was senior vice president and I was an executive assistant. After lunch he confided that he thought of getting the families of his workers to do business with me so he could see me and talk to me occasionally.

I did like him 30 years ago and even considered him as a possible husband. Knowing his ulterior motive in arranging a business relationship with the workers' families, and with my feelings for him revived, is it advisable for me to go through with the deal he initiated? He suggested that I go to the mining site to see what handicrafts can be made out of their indigenous materials. He will arrange for my transportation and accommodation in the company's guesthouse.

He has been pressing me to see for myself those materials from the mountain forest. However, I am wary of his intentions. None of my children can accompany me due to their work or class schedule. Please tell me what to do. I have no intention of being unfaithful to my husband, with whom I am happy, but I like to see this old flame again.

CELINE

You are now facing a decision between your mind and your heart. Your mind tells you that this gives you a chance to improve your business. Your heart is now open to relive memories.

Your former suitor has revived memories of yesteryears, but also, he remembers the hurt he had to face, giving you up because of your different levels. Now that he has also climbed the ladder of success, he can now console himself by winning you again. Accepting his invitation to go to Benguet will open other doors. Ask yourself: Will everything be worth it? Think about it.

You would like to spend some happy hours with him, but don't forget that you are married and you are happy with your husband. You should also consider the love and respect of your children. They may never know what can take place in that guesthouse, but consider your conscience as well as possible karma for what may ensue.

You might consider telling your husband about this new business possibility and more importantly: Will he be free to take a leave from his bank, and go with you for a second honeymoon? The two of you can go there in your own car, and just thank your former suitor for his offer of free transportation. Instead of staying in their guesthouse, you can surely afford to stay in a hotel.

Also, if you tell your former officemate about this new plan, he may decide to postpone the trip. If this happens, then you will realize that he has other plans. If he continues with his invitations, then he is a real generous gentleman. As you know, love in a man's life is only a part; it is a woman's whole existence. In your case, you are happily married. Good luck on your business.

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Toward an 'earthy' lifestyle

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

For an environmental lifestyle, try home farms

THEY say that to really appreciate nature, you've got to live with it and in it. These days, you don't have to resort to nature-tripping to do that. Land developers must have learned their environmental lessons well, for now they're selling farms to build homes in, and what better opportunity to live with nature than in farms.

Sometimes they're called "leisure farms," other times, "farm estates." The one thing they have in common is that they are a deviation from the house-and-lot concept of a conventional real estate business.

Instead of urging you to just build a home on the lot you've bought, these developers now encourage, even require, that vegetables, crops and trees be grown in them. This prevents the land from getting fallow, they say, so that its produce can, even in a small way, contribute to the country's food supply.

I know of two such farms accessible from Metro Manila. One is Nusa Dua (Gift of the Earth) in Tanza, Cavite; the other is Leisure Farms in Tagaytay City. Both sites provide those who wish to get away from the city dust the opportunity, not only to enjoy the fresh air and beauty of nature, but to literally live by its fruits.

The cost of maintaining these farms are for the upscale or middle income brackets who may not really need to farm for a living. But this can be offset by marketing the harvests. This is the added value that makes the big difference. Nusa Dua calls this "recharging by plugging into the potency of the earth." Leisure Farms sees it as an invitation "to return to where it all began and where real life (can) begin." Both invoke the majesty and wonder of God's creation. The fact that a good business concept can be inspired by environmental (and spiritual) reasons shows why nature should be cared for and respected. It actually works for—and with—us.

There are still too few of these farms to call them a trend, but they do point to a growing awareness that we have to care for this earth we live in, beginning with the lots we occupy.

The lots in the Tagaytay farm average from 1,000 to 1,500 sq m each. An owner may cultivate his land as he sees fit, but there is help and several professional services offered by the estate managers to assure success.

Operating since only last year, with the various phases of construction still underway, Leisure Farms already has a demo farm to show what can be grown and how best to do it, and a produce market to sell the harvests.

Farm estate manager Eric Matic showed us around, from the administration office, which is also the model for homes soon to rise there, to the demo garden and its rows of vegetable beds. We saw lowland broccoli, lettuce of different varieties, chili, bell pepper, squash, arugula, eggplant, string beans, tomatoes and a whole range of herbs. Farther off were rows of sweet corn. Fruit trees were located in various areas, but they, too, were already being harvested.

Farming is done the organic way, and so there is much drying, composting, shredding and vermiculture involved. The basic materials are grasses and leaves from old growths and worms. Not all grasses and leaves are suitable to fertilizer-making, says Matic, because the worms have their preferences. Bamboo, for instance, is rejected because its leaves are sharp and hairy. Other leaves do not smell right or do not taste right to them.

Overall, the technology used in the farm is a simple one and Sunday farmers would have no trouble getting the knack of it. It will require getting under the sun, says Matic, learning about the growth cycles of the plants, and a lot of digging with one's hands, but Mother Nature has always been man's best helpmate. As for water supply, always an important consideration, it is assured from several sources, like the linear lake that will serve as catchment basin, the deep wells already in place and also municipal sources for a regular supply.

Produce Market

The present produce market, which is open to outside consumers and located near the demo farm, will, according to Matic, have its own building by October this year. He talks of plans and visions for the farm estate, much of which is already being realized.

Those who feel they are not capable enough as farmers can avail of the many services for maintaining what they have. The management even encourages that they interact with surrounding communities for neighborliness but especially for a mutual sharing of know-how.

As for Nusa Dua, it is a 200-hectare estate, brimming with possibilities for working the soil to enrich both the family and the soul. Its main thrust begins with the belief that a farming lot can become more than just a place to grow things and build on, but also a place to start a new, more "earthy" lifestyle.

Learn to grow vegetables in pots and pans

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ling Pests and Diseases, Fertilizing, etc.

Chapter 4 features interesting illustrations of urban gardens in apartment houses, balcony, rooftop and city lot. Also shown are actual photos of the frequently visited container garden at CLSU.

"Urban Agriculture...etc., etc" makes a good companion guide, especially for us city folks who know very little about planting vegetables and herbs. But if we had our way, we would change the title to the less intimidating "Vegetable Gardening in Containers." Or how about, "Vegetable Gardening for City Dwellers?"

Be that as it may, the guidebook encourages us to play the interesting game of trying out novel ideas. For example, it demonstrates how to make mini vegetable gardens in old kitchen sinks and bath tubs, crates, baskets, tin cans, glassware, ceramics, mineral water bottles, drums, old tires, and many more.

One illustration shows how to convert rain gutters into a mobile and multi-level vegetable planter on an A-frame. "Drill drainage holes in 10 cm (4 inch) intervals on the side along the length of the gutters. Then construct (an A-frame) holder which you can equip with ball casters to make your gutter garden more mobile."

Another sketch shows how to plant cucumber, *kangkong*, sweet potato, and *ampalaya* in a used car tire.

The authors did not leave any stone unturned in their attempt to make the book as user-friendly as possible, both to apartment dwellers and to neighborhoods with idle vacant lots. They even included a listing of common vegetables and fruit crops that can be grown in containers. They also gave tips on how to manage common pests and diseases of vegetables.

As the authors assured readers, "Anyone can be a successful city farmer if they followed all the guidelines in this handbook."

The guidebook is available at National Book Store.

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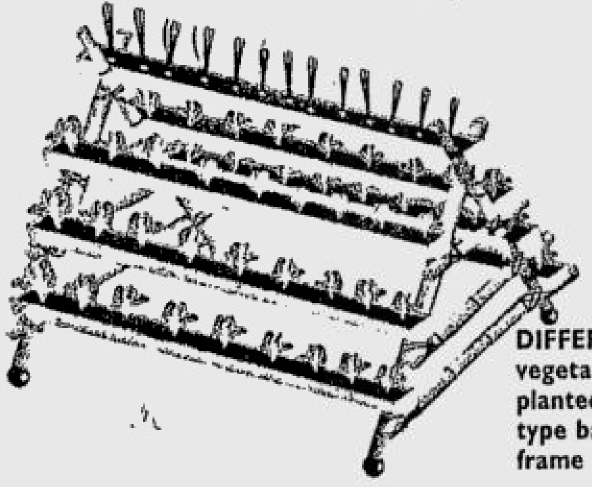

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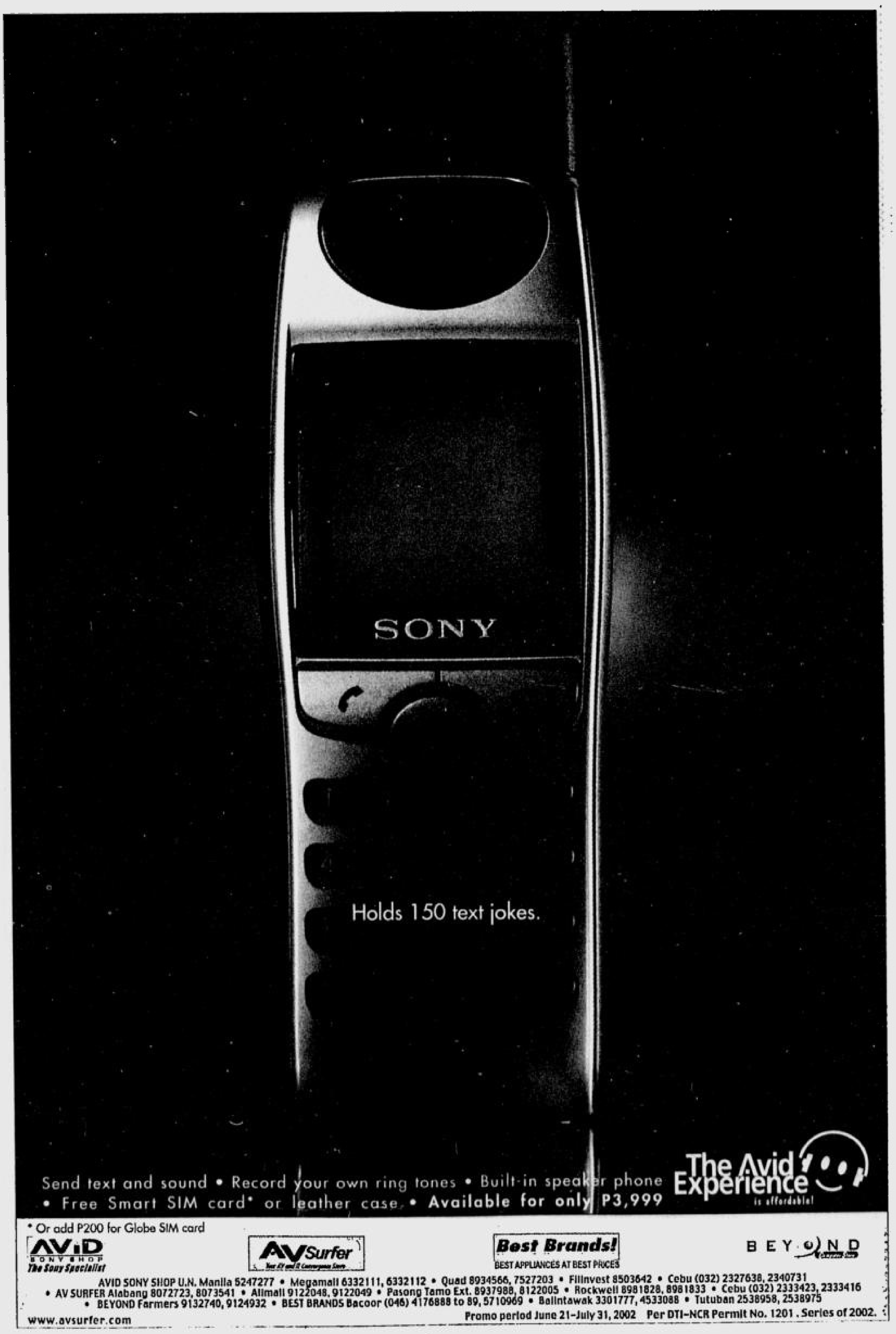

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Book demonstrates how to make mini vegetable gardens in odd places

Urban Agriculture: A Step-by-step Guide to Successful Container Farming
By Rodolfo C. Undan, Pedrito S. Nitural, Anselmo S. Roque, Dante V. Liban
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ONE of the advantages of harvesting vegetables right in your garden is that you are at least sure these are fresh and free of toxic pesticides. What's more, freshly picked vegetables retain much of their natural taste and nutrition, unlike farm crops that travel a long way from farm to market before reaching consumers.

But how to grow them near your kitchen is a big question, particularly if you live in the city where space is at a premium. So where do you plant the vegetables, and how?

All the answers to questions on how to grow vegetables in the city are found in the book "Urban Agriculture: A Step-by-step Guide to Successful Container Farming in the City." It is the first how-to reference for Filipino gardeners written by respected and well-known Filipino agriculturists from Central Luzon State University (CLSU). Most gardening books in the bookstores are imported.

The scholastic title may make the book seem daunting but, as the saying goes, don't judge a book by its cover. "Urban Agriculture...etc., etc." is as non-technical as popular do-it-yourself books in the market. At last, here's a down-to-earth guidebook with user-friendly illustrations and language even a grade school student will understand.

The following titles of the chapters best describe what the guidebook discusses: Making Your Own Compost, Choosing Containers, Recycling Various Containers, Sourcing Your Seeds, Planting Can Be So Much Fun, Control

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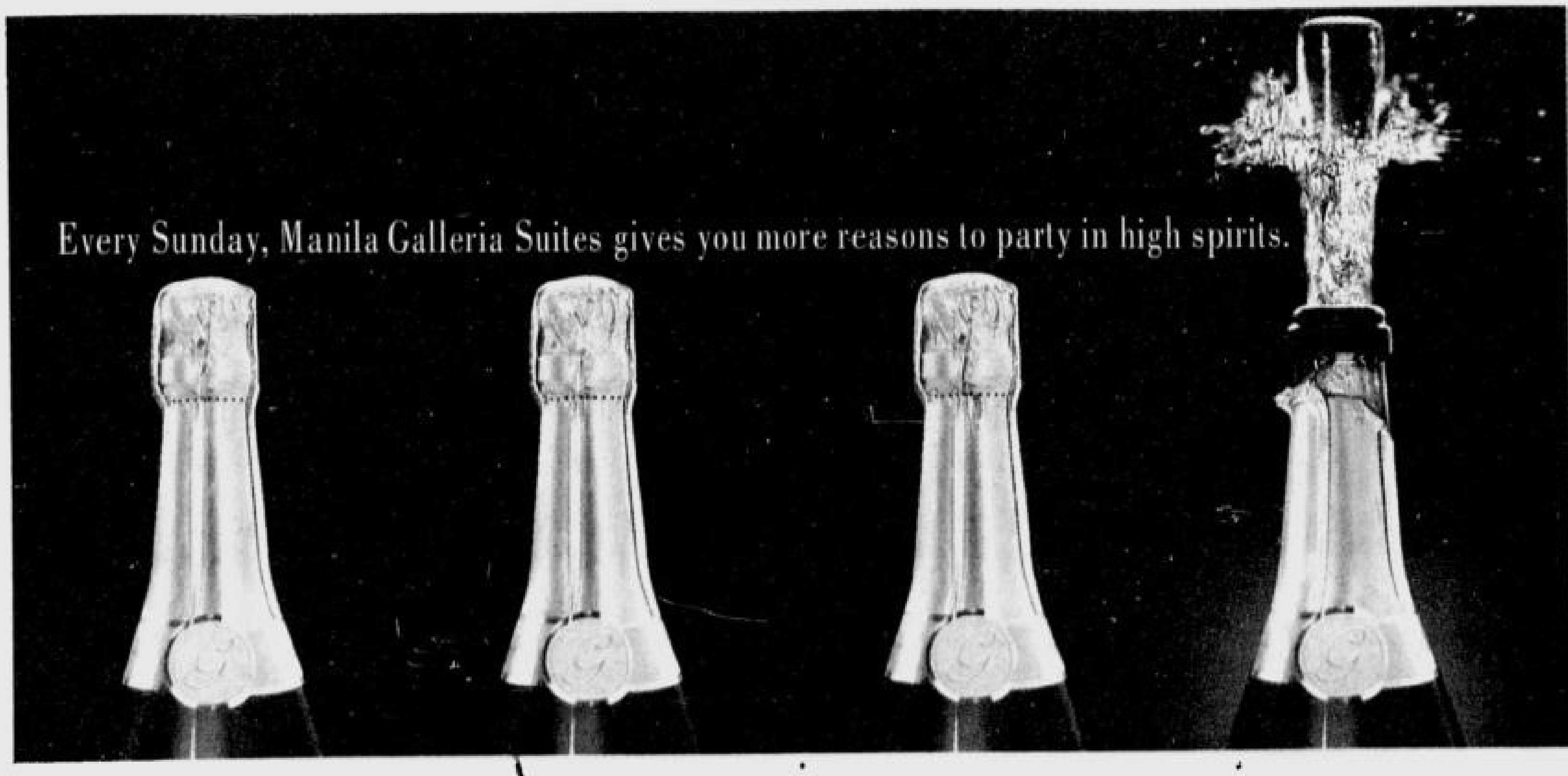
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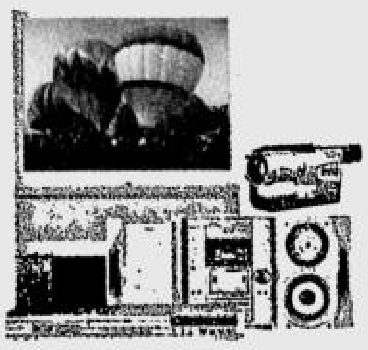

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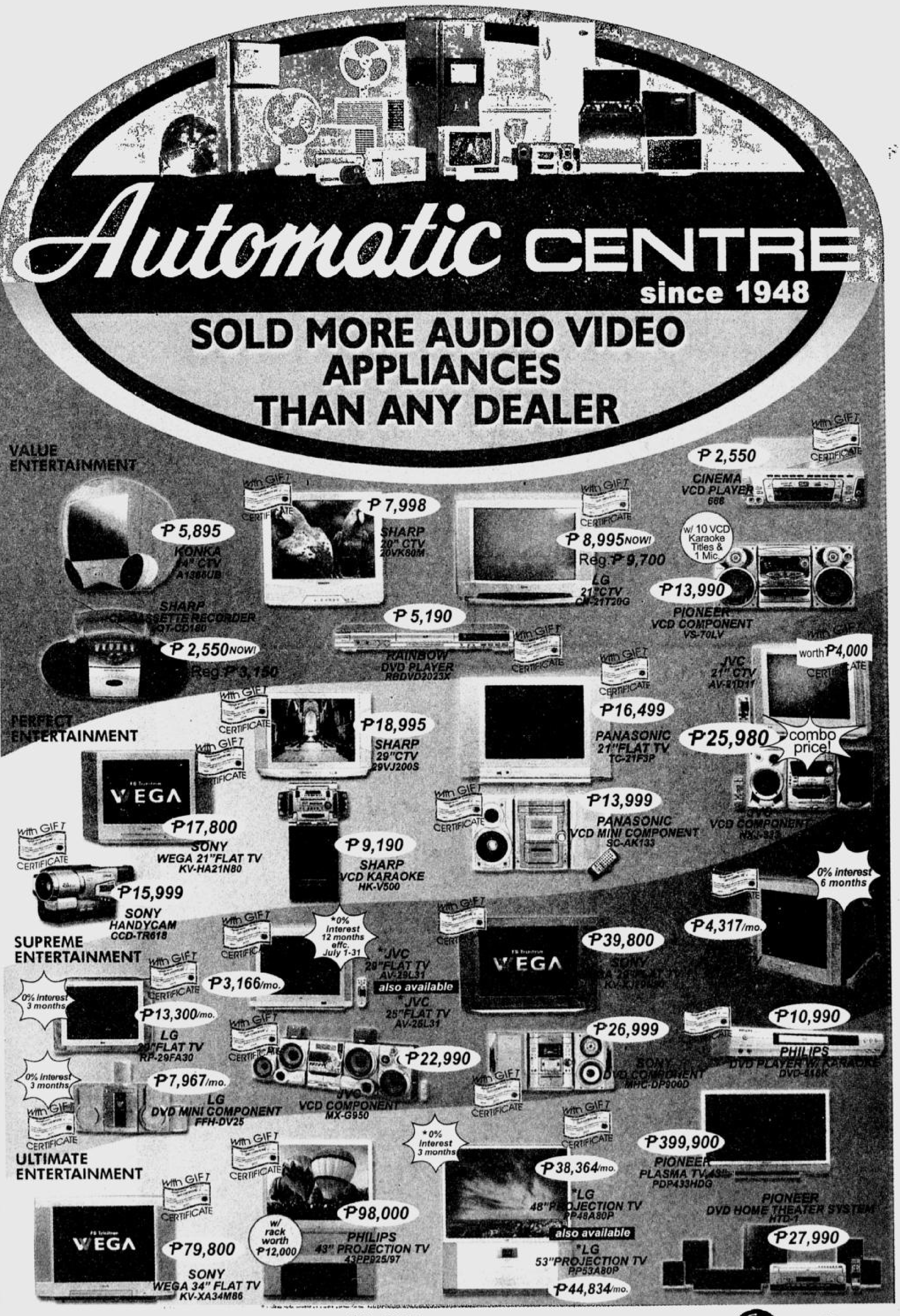
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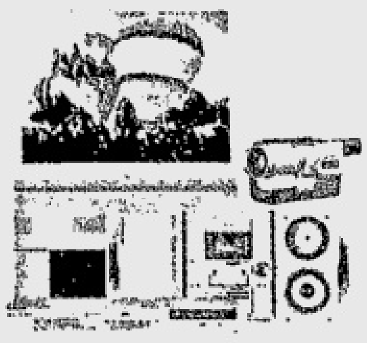

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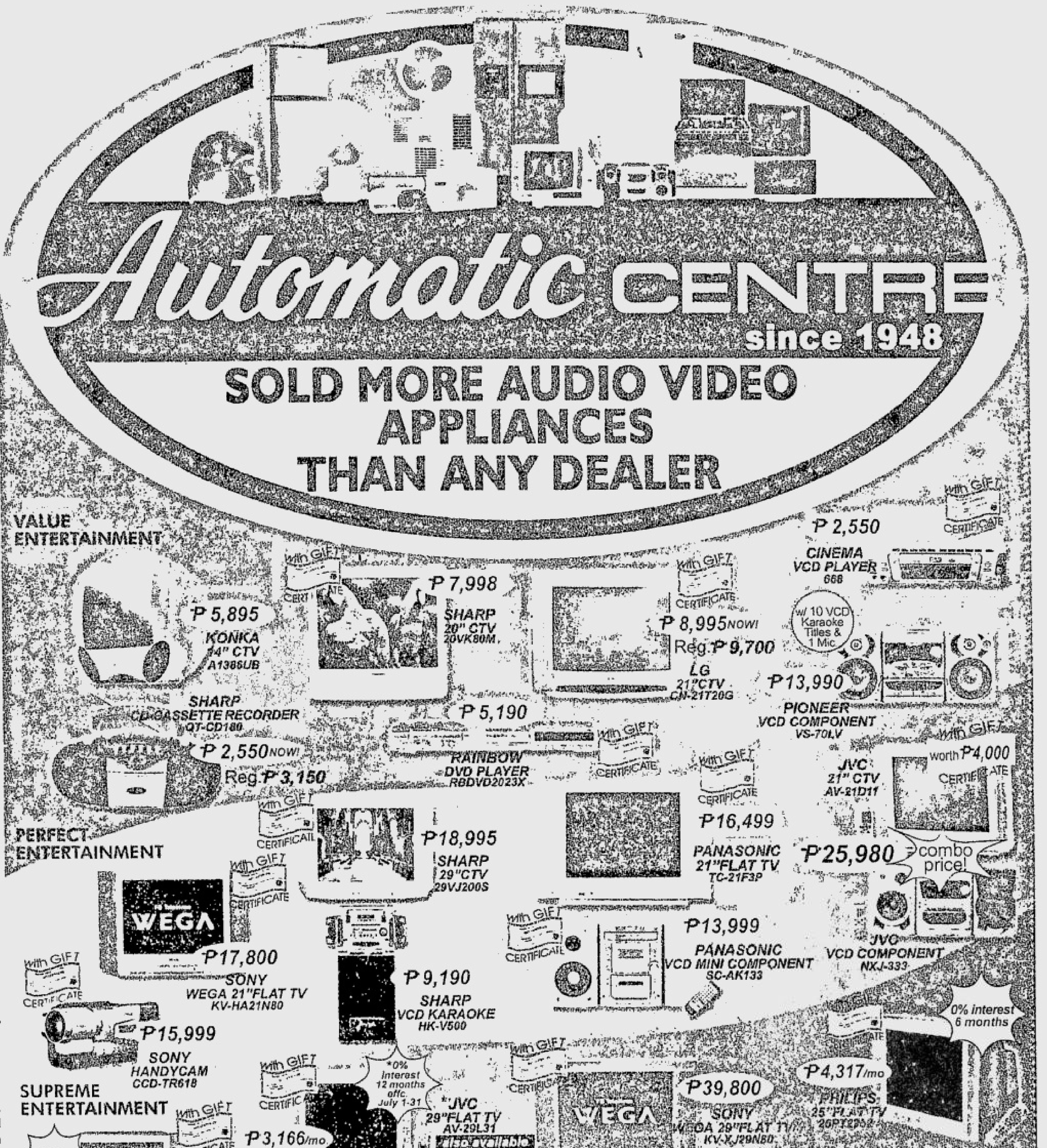
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The Whirlpool Corporation had its humble beginnings in 1911 as the Uptown Machine Co., For the next ninety years, despite the upheavals of history and the economy, that small business has grown and thrived.

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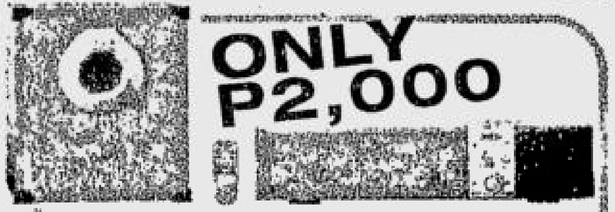

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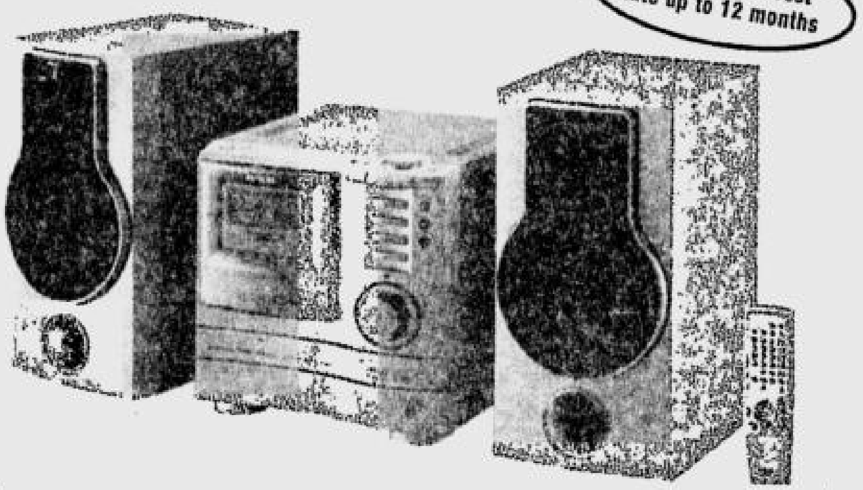

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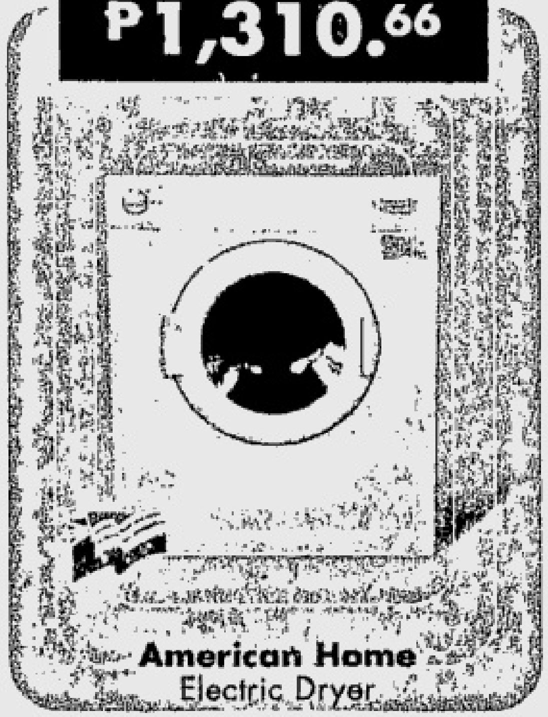

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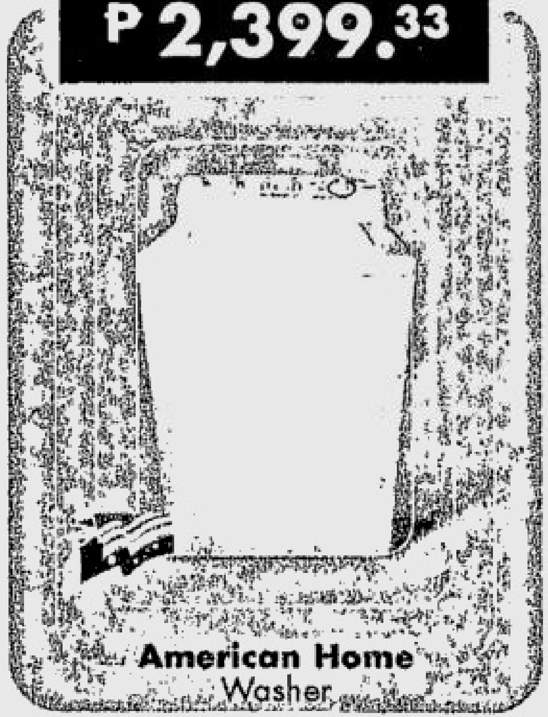

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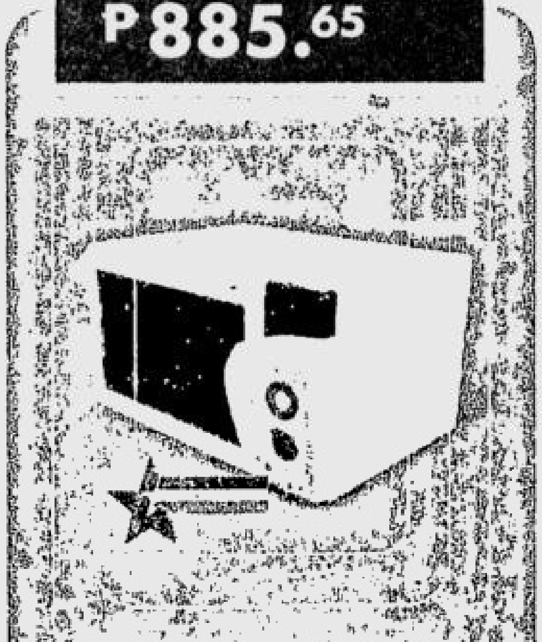

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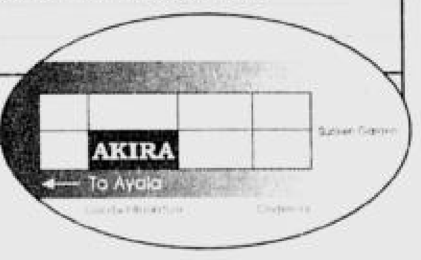

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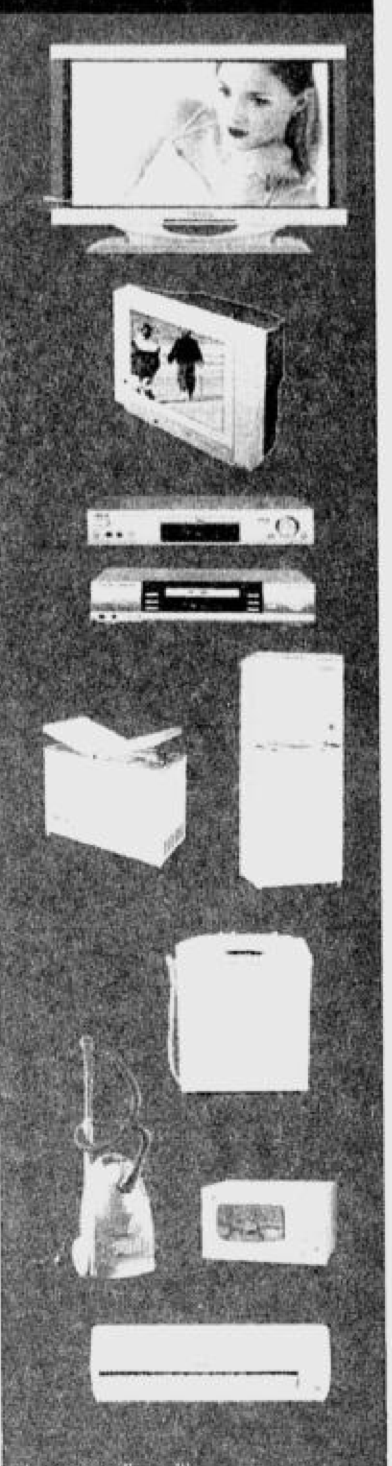

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Synonymous with incomparable evolution in design and technological solutions, Ariston has conceived an entire collection of appliances that interpret the needs, the desires, and the expectations of buyers. The appliances always perfectly fit into the setting, not only for their shapes and colours proposed, but also because of perfect balance between performance and the evolving needs of the consumer. An Ariston built-in appliance, while complying with different styles and tastes, brings the unmistakable mark of its personality and innovation into your home. No wonder its Italy's undisputed leading name in home appliances.

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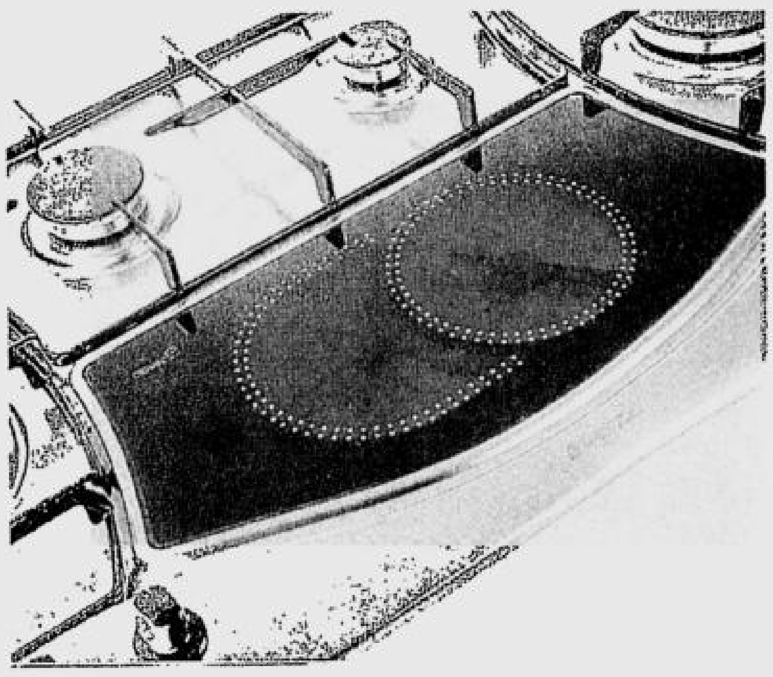
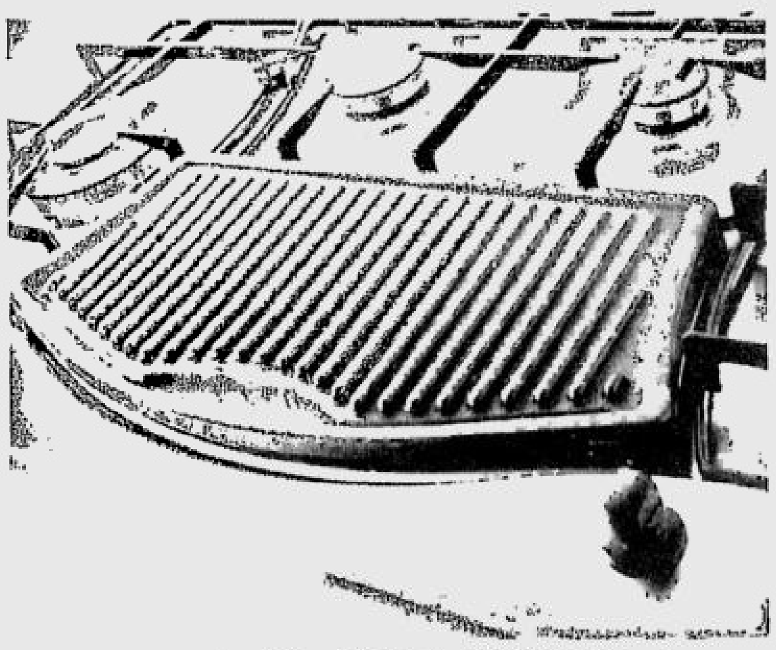


Ariston's elegant vittro cooking area in the 90cm PH941MSTV cooktop has been added to combine or substitute for the gas burners.



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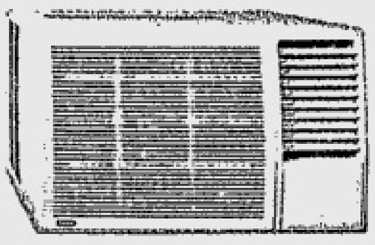

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Think about having that cool walkman-personal CD/VCD player for those vacation trips or that power window type air-conditioner to chill those warm nights. Picture yourself enjoying that dream vacation at a popular European destination.

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With the Frequent User Extension, BPI credit cardholders not only have the luxury to charge points for their card but also have more time to earn points.

BPI credit cardholders now have more time to earn points and claim bigger prizes as BPI Card is extending the BPI Credit Card's Frequent User Privileges. This extension is up to the July statement of account cut-off dates and redemption is good until September 30, 2002.

The Frequent User Extension offers BPI credit cardholders the opportunity to choose from a variety of items which includes silverware, home accessories, gift certificates and even travel packages.

The mechanics of the Frequent User Extension is so simple. BPI credit cardholders earn points when they use their BPI Credit Cards for daily purchases or at BPI Credit Card events, and the points gained can be used to claim prize gifts. Simply continue to charge your everyday expenses to your BPI Express Credit or BPI MasterCard to bring you closer to your choice Frequent User prize.

Take note that for every P200 you charge you earn one point and you can start redeeming when you reach 250 points.

So keep on charging with your BPI Credit Cards until July 2002.

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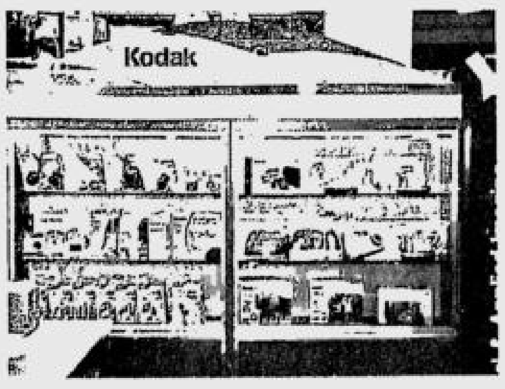

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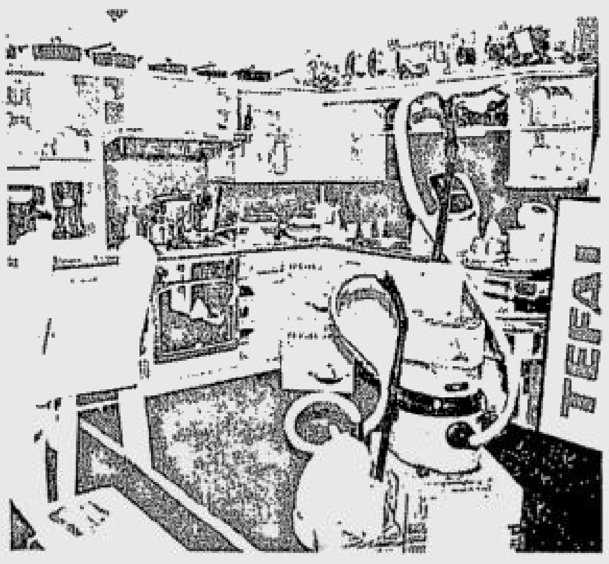

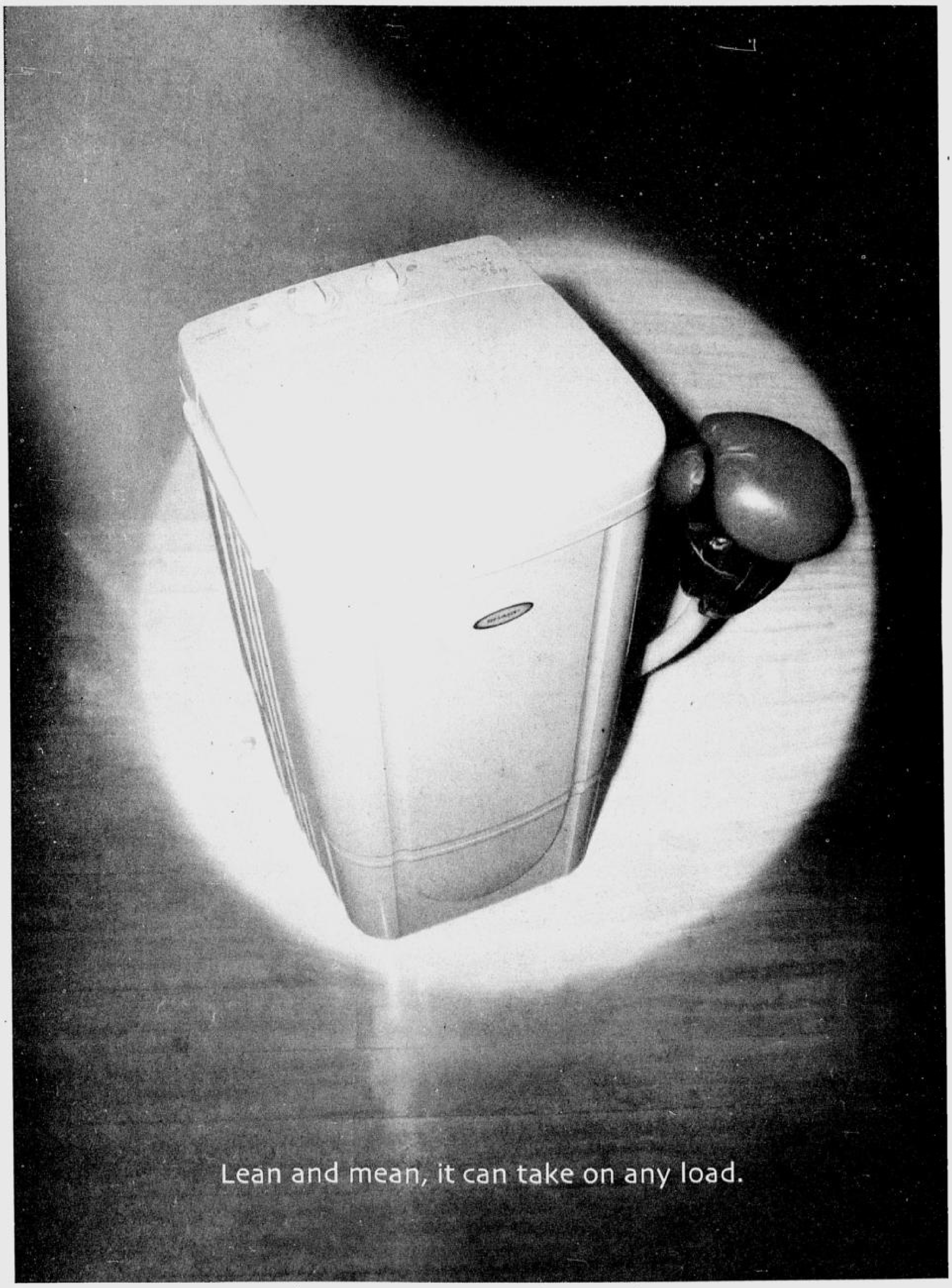

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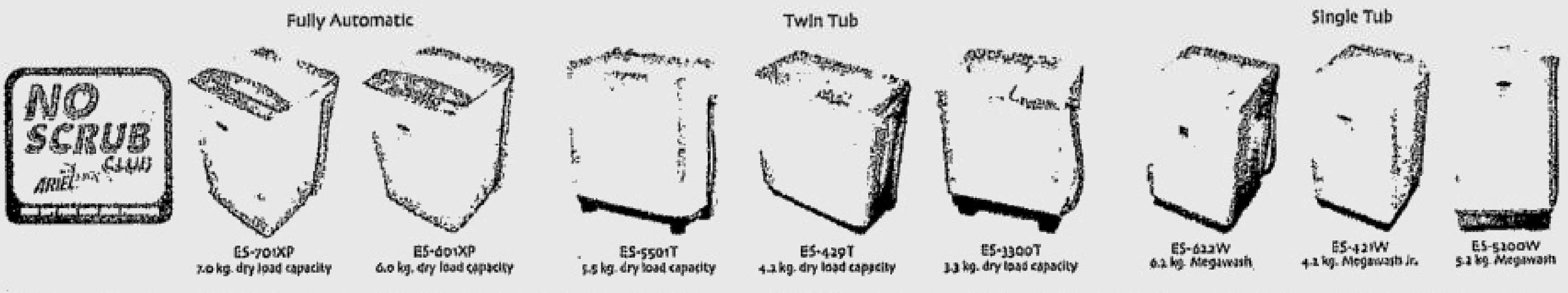

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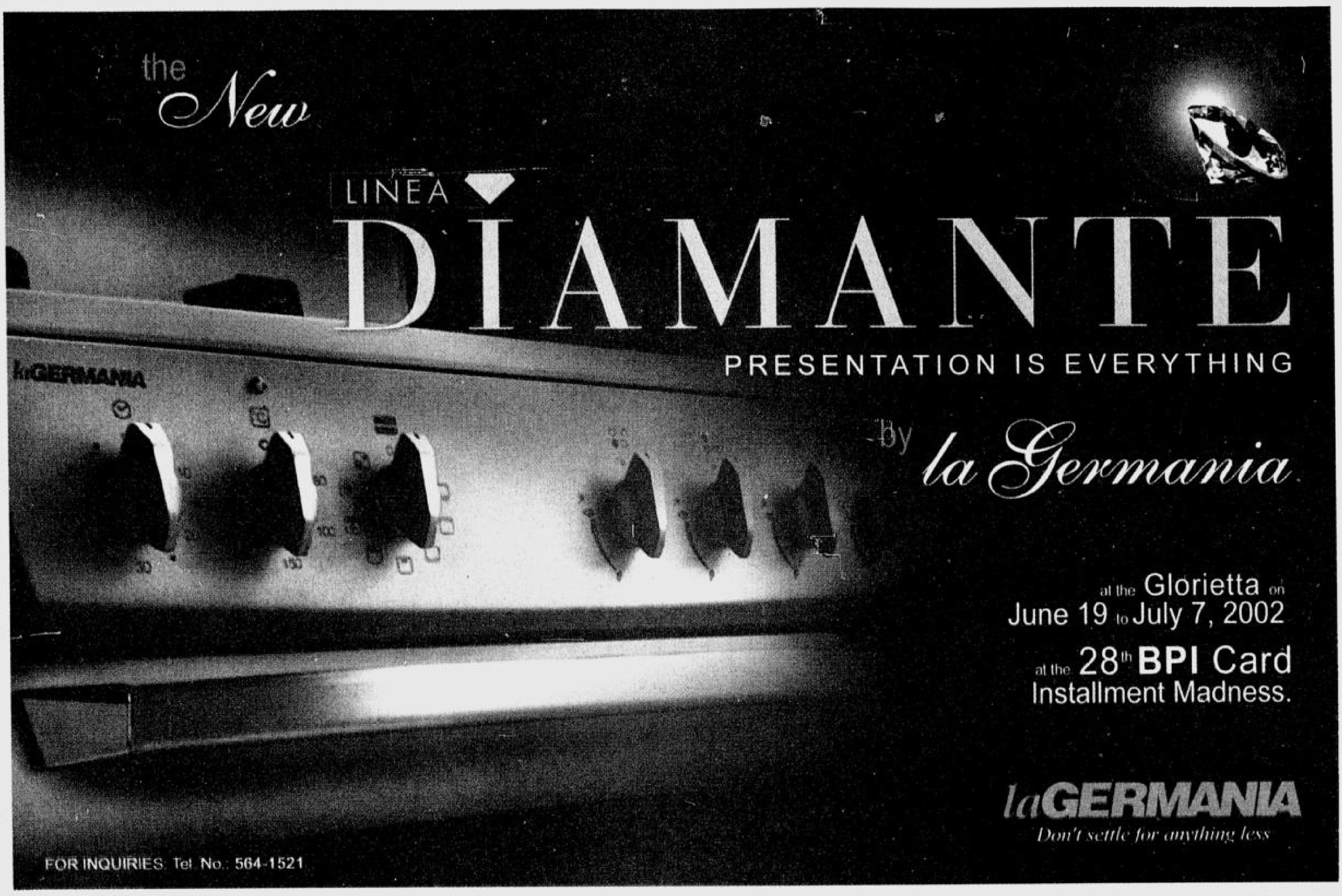

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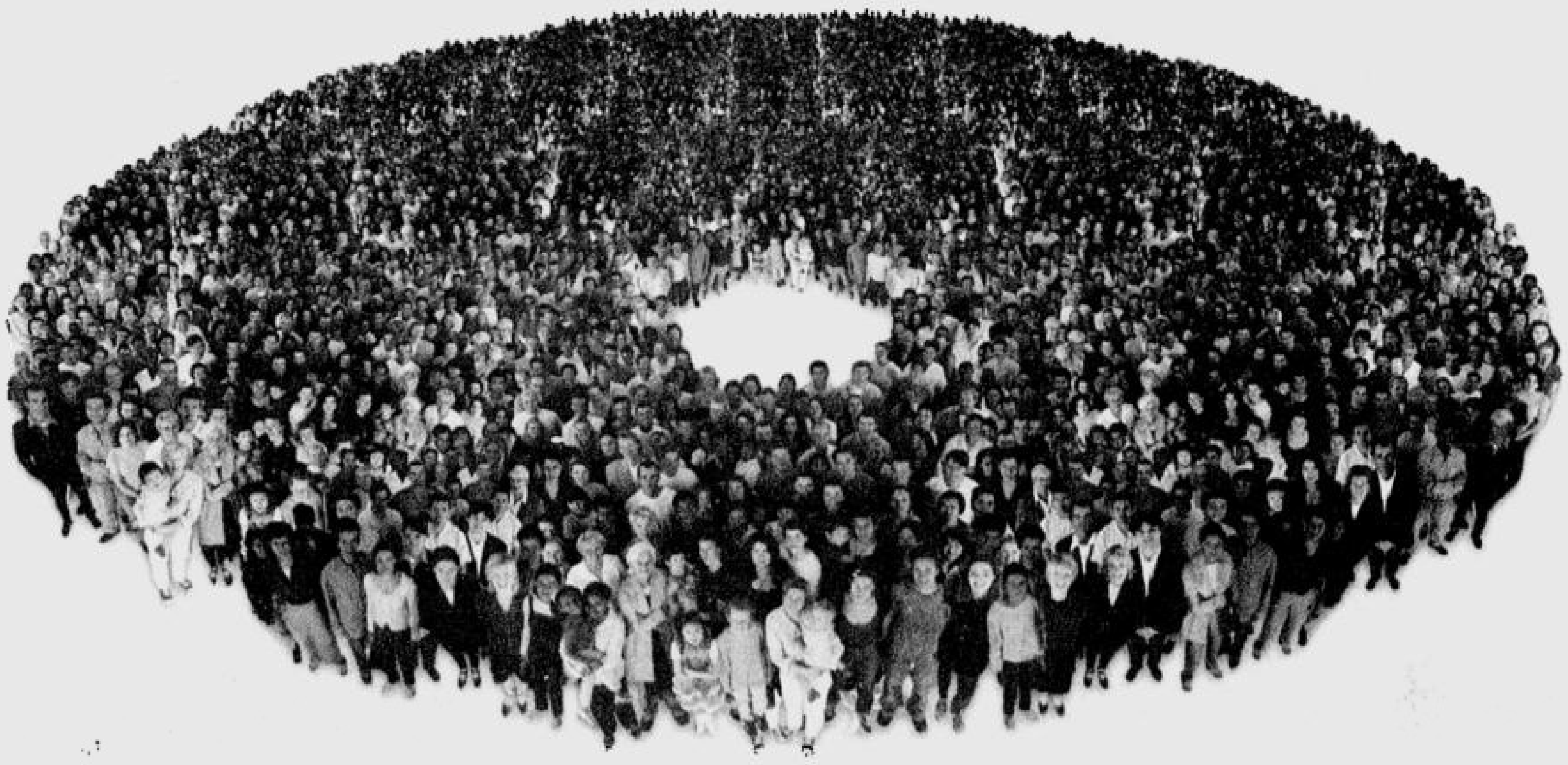

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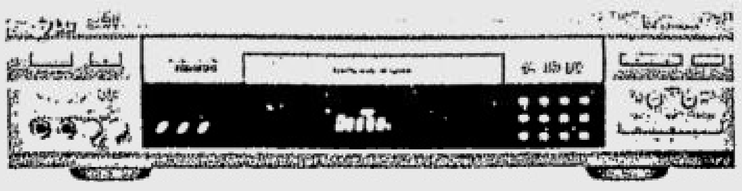

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Through your BPI Credit Cards' SIP, your TIP+ is payable in three, six, nine or 12 months for as low as 1.69% per month.

TiP+

There are actually two ways of using the TIP+ facility with your BPI Credit Card. First is you may simply charge tuition and other expenses to your BPI credit card directly at the school's cashier if your child's school is an accredited BPI merchant. Second is you may reimburse the tuition payments and other school expenses if the school is not an accredited BPI merchant. Simply submit a copy of the tuition receipt or assessment form and/or official receipt of books and other school expenses, together with a filled-out TIP+ charge form and fax it to 898-94-99. Once your reimbursement is approved, BPI Card will call you to inform that your check is ready for pick-up at the BPI Card Center.

All active BPI Credit Cardholders with an existing SIP line are automatically qualified to avail of the TIP+. Interested cardholders are requested to signify their intent of availing the TIP+ by simply submitting tuition fee original receipts or assessment forms and/or official receipts of books, uniforms/shoes, together with the duly accomplished TIP+ charge form.

Aside from using your BPI Credit Card for paying tuition fees, you can even win the tuition you paid, plus more!

That's because every TIP+ application approved within April 24 to November 30, 2002 receives a computer-generated raffle number that gives you the chance to win a tuition refund up to P50,000 or one of ten Informatics scholarships, or any of five PCs with printers! Take note that the raffle component of the TIP+ promo will only be available for Metro Manila cardholders only.

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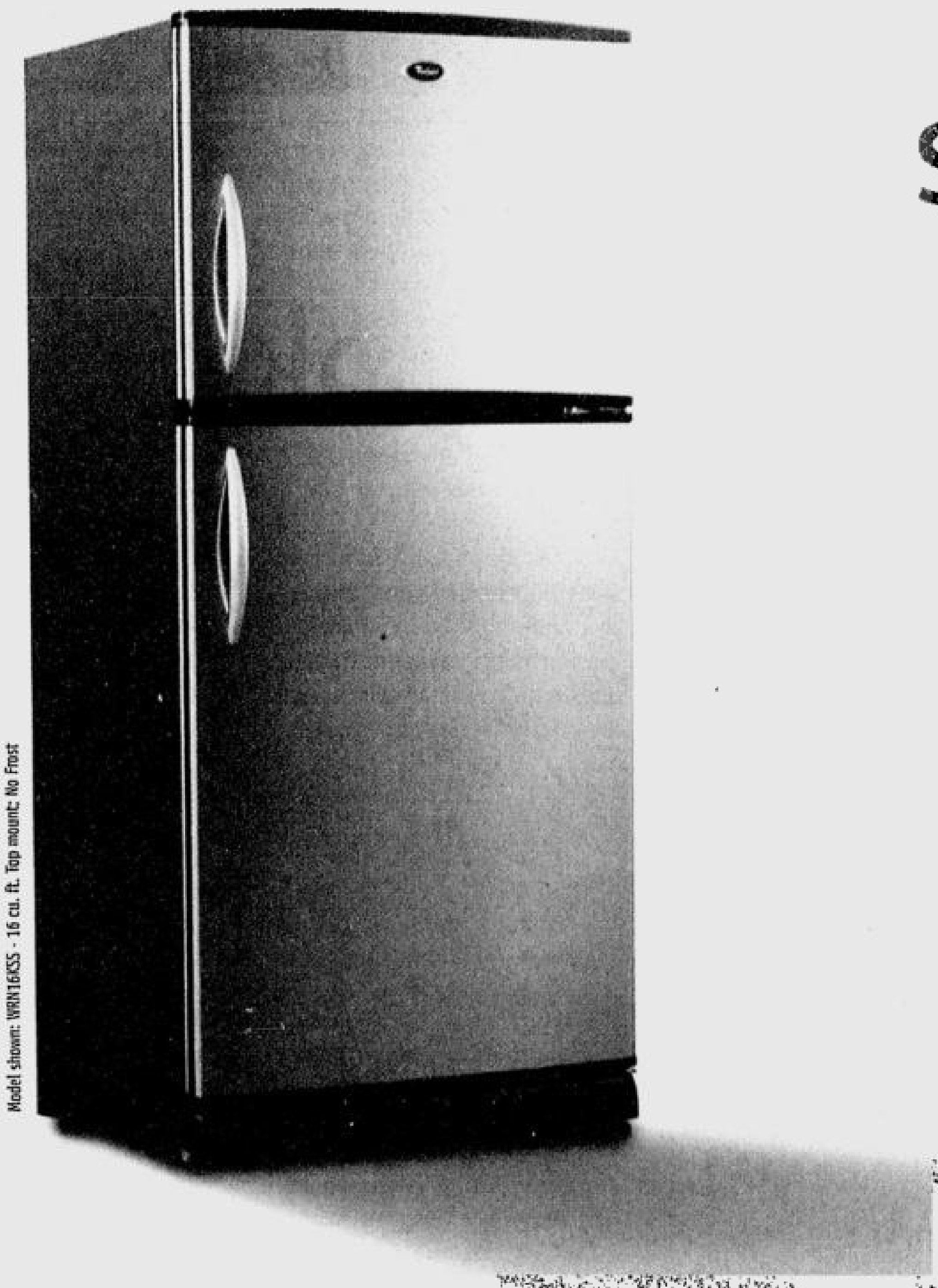

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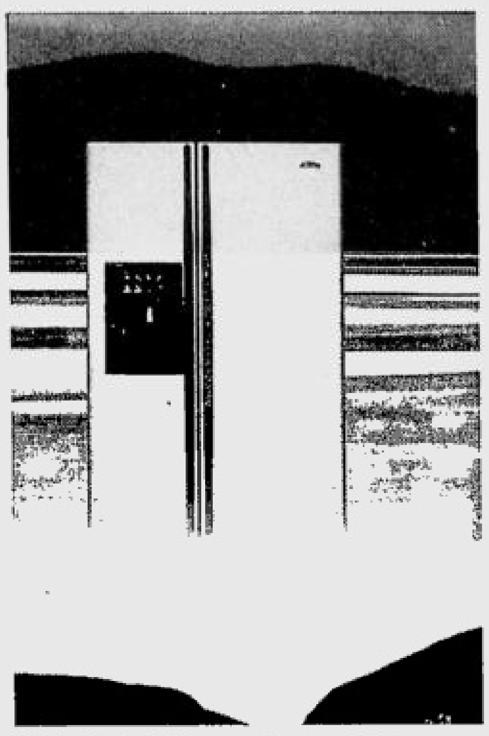
Another GE Breakthrough: Exclusive CustomCool™ Technology

The best has gotten better: GE's stainless side-by-side refrigerator, which has revolutionized refrigeration with its sleek, sophisticated design, timesaving benefits and energy efficiency, now offers additional revolutionary features and options.

Now, GE's new side-by-side stainless refrigerator called Arctica™ offers a number of exceptional high-performance capabilities of which most notable is the exclusive CustomCool™ technology. A fresh take on cooling, this bottom pan feature offers three settings for different lifestyle needs: the CustomCool ExpressChill™ setting cools foods and beverages in minutes, not hours; an ExpressThaw™ setting on the CustomCool bin thaws meat and other freezer items safely in hours instead of days; the SelectTemp™ setting allows the user to select just right temperatures for specific foods. Using these specialized settings, one is able to avoid the last minute rush and simply relax. Whether the occasion calls for impromptu hors d'oeuvres for 20 or fillet mignon for two, CustomCool takes care of everything.

In addition to its exclusive CustomCool feature, the Quick Ice™ feature in the freezer accelerates ice production, producing up to 50% more ice than a normal cycle for impromptu get-togethers and social occasions. A new TurboCool™ setting "revs up" the refrigerator after the door has been opened for an extended period of time or when a hot item is placed inside, cooling the refrigerator back to its preset temperature quickly.

The Arctica side-by-side has an exclusive ClimateKeeper™ system, which offers the best temperature management system one can buy, with up-front digital controls that are precise and easy to use, and more electronic sensors than competitors' systems, each positioned for maximum effectiveness. Its multi-flow air system includes more vents than competitors' systems, and uses exclusive fresh food and variable speed freezer fans to keep temperatures consistent.



Catch GE's Stainless Arctica side-by-side ref with the revolutionary CustomCool Technology at the 28th BPI Cards Installment Madness.

The new tri-level lighting system provides multiple light sources that cast a bright glow throughout the interior of the refrigerator, making every jar and bowl visible. At the same time, GE's Arctica offers substantial environmental benefits and valuable energy savings, since it complies with 2002 energy standards and 2003 clean air requirements. The NeverClean™ Condenser ensures that Arctica virtually never needs cleaning in normal operating environments.

For those concerned about the safety of their drinking water, Arctica answers the need with the built-in SmartWater™ filtration system which provides clean, better tasting water and ice through the LightTouch™ Dispenser. The new and taller LightTouch dispenser can accommodate and fill sport bottles, pitchers, and even blenders!

Best of all, these innovative cooling capabilities are present in the sleek stainless steel side-by-side design which gives the kitchen an immaculate appearance. Stainless steel conveys a look of utmost polish and sophistication. Those who are serious about their kitchens, particularly when it comes to dining and entertaining, will find multi-taskers like the award-winning Arctica refrigerator absolutely indispensable. Combining high-style and performance, GE's Arctica side-by-side stainless refrigerator can truly be called the ultimate in refrigeration.

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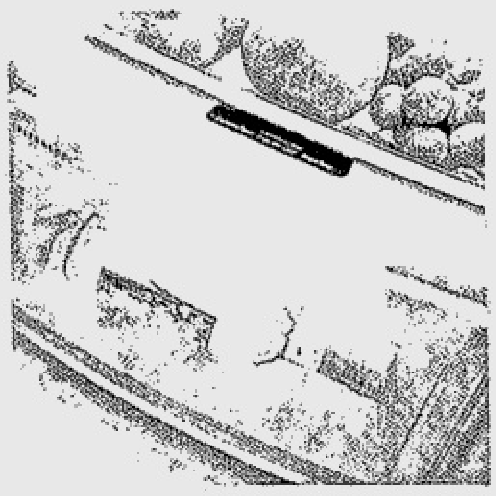

GE's exclusive CustomCool technology gives one the ability to chill and thaw food much faster than ever before possible. It also lets one select just-right temperatures for a variety of fresh foods.

Intelligent next-generation refs here

YOU don't like your butter tasting like fish? Or your vegetable unfresh in three days? Here's the next generation refs in food care technology – Fisher & Paykel Active smart refs. Here, the heart of innovation is electronic intelligence to perform with greater simplicity and efficiency, better economy and more respect for the environment.

So your batter tastes like butter, and not fish. Active Smart's two variable speed fans cool throughout the two separate refrigerator and freezer compartments independently. The unique humidity-controlled vegetable bins keep fruit and vegetable fresh up to 3 times longer than conventional refrigerators.

Fruit and vegetable require high humidity and low temperature to slow down their rate of respiration and keep them fresher longer. The unique design of the Fisher & Paykel humidity control lid (HCL) provides this ideal environment.

Intelligent

Simply set the temperature at the touch of a button and leave it. Active Smart's microprocessors and sensors will take care of the rest.

It's so intelligent that an alarm even sounds after 90 seconds if the ref or freezer door is left open, minimizing food spoilage.

Keeping your food safe

Fisher & Paykel refs takes less than three hours to cool food and safe temperatures. Competition takes four or more hours to do the task. The food is also frozen to 18 degrees C quicker in a Fisher & Paykel Active Smart. This ensures that the food is safer and retains its quality when thawed.

Active Smart is born out of 65 years experience in food care and safety. Fisher & Paykel knows what it takes to provide your family with fresh, healthy food every time.

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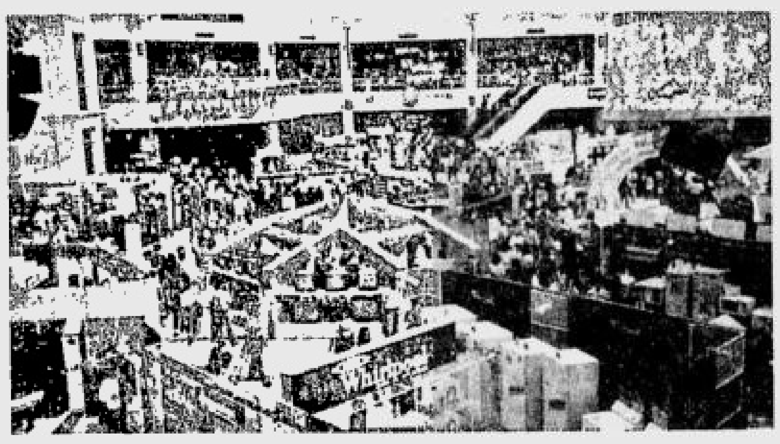

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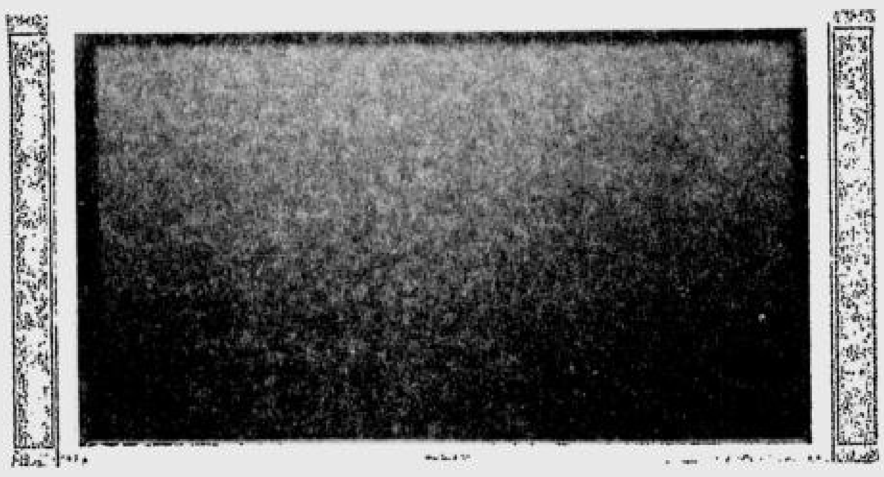

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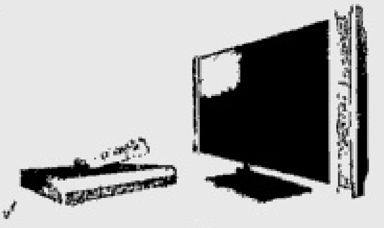

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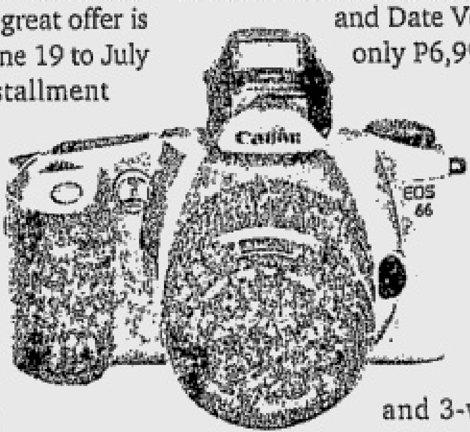
Canon camera joins 28th BPI Installment Madness

GREAT discounts await potential owners of Canon cameras. Own brand new Canon camera and enjoy all its exclusive features on easy installment plan. This great offer is available only from June 19 to July 7 at the 28th BPI Installment Madness Exhibit at Glorietta, Ayala Center, Makati City.

Visit the Canon Cameras Exhibit and see for yourself six exciting Canon Camera and models to choose from: EOS 66, Prima AS-1, Prima Zoom 65, the new Prima Super 155, IXUS X-1, and the new IXUS III. Delight on discounted rates as high as P6,000 from the regular price. What's more, Canon offers 0-percent interest rate within three months special installment plan.

Enjoy Canon EOS 66 Kit with special features like 11 shooting modes, 3-point auto-focus with user-selectable focusing points, auto-bracketing and multiple exposures. Also available in Date Version, EOS 66 Kit includes the gadget bag, grip-tripod GR80TP, Eyes of EOS CD and a Kodak Max film.

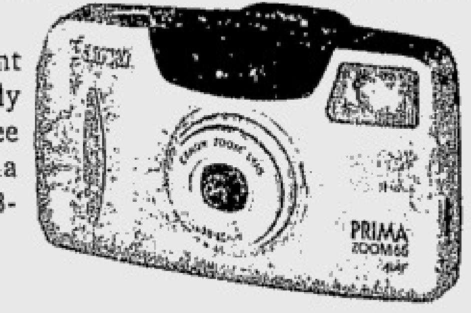
You can get water resistant Canon Prima AS-1 for only P3,783.33 a month. After three months, you can enjoy Prima AS-1's 32 mm f/3.5, active 3-point AiAf system, and easy to see, real-image Big viewfinder.



Self-timer Canon Prima Zoom 65 costs only P5,995 straight charge and Date Version for only P6,995. 38-65 mm power zoom lens, big viewfinder, 3-pt. Intelligent auto-focusing and 3-way flash features differentiate Prima Zoom 65 from all the rest.

Canon's new Super 155, the Canon with built-in flash, automatic exposure control, zoom lens 37-155 mm, silver finish body, best shot dial, 16-zone metering and backlight detection system is sold for only P6,665 a month for three months.

You can get waterproof Canon IXUS X-1 for only P9,725 straight charge. It's not only proofed against water, but also against wind, dirt and sand.



Also available in the exhibit is the newest Canon IXUS III. It has 2.3x zoom lens, 7-point convertible 3-point AiAF, built-in electro-luminescent backlight, fly-back flash charging system, new custom functions and cool and casual sleek design.

Visit the Canon Exhibit at the 28th BPI Installment Madness at the Glorietta in Makati and make the difference in your life as you purchase your very own Canon Camera. Definitely, there's one Canon Camera for you.

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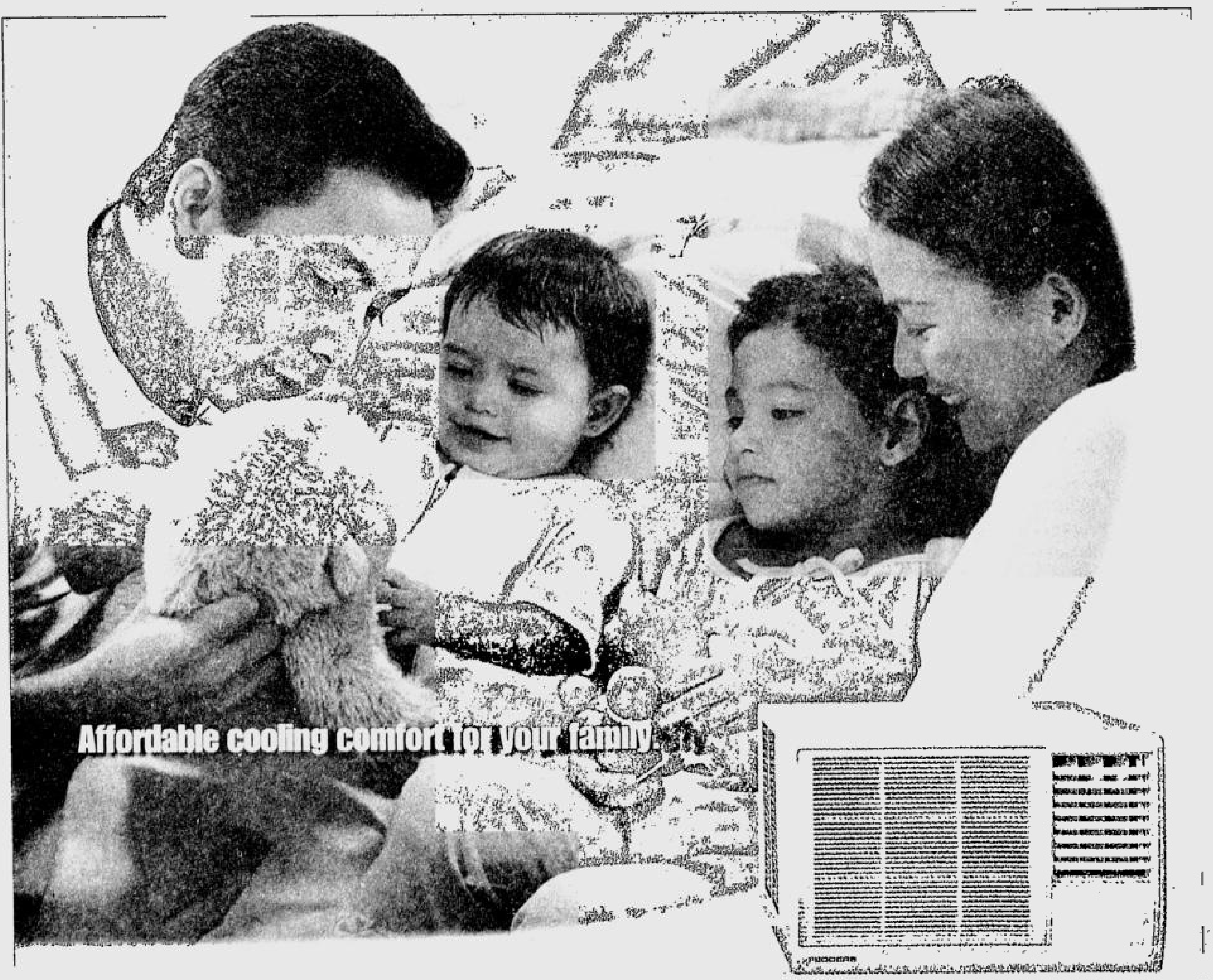
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Koppel, the leading name in packaged air conditioners, is now available in room air conditioner units. Homes and offices can now enjoy the same cooling hours from Koppel's new range of window air conditioners. Available in 3/4HP, 1HP, 1.5HP and 2HP, Koppel room air conditioners offer a 5-year warranty on compressors, evaporating and condensing coils. Finally, your homes can now enjoy countless hours of cooling comfort at affordable prices.

The new Linea Diamante by La Germania—a jewel in your kitchen

AS A leading manufacturer of kitchen appliances for over 100 years, La Germania has succeeded in bringing total quality products that have won praises and have even earned the trust of culinary connoisseurs. And La Germania's passion for product excellence seems incessant for it always has something bold and innovative to offer – this time The New Linea Diamante.

Linea Diamante successfully combines the solidity of structural strength, reliability and practicality of the components and the beauty that is timeless – characteristics you won't find elsewhere. Linea Diamante is made from sturdy stainless steel, which means it is resistant to any damage. And apart from this, what really raises Linea Diamante above its contemporaries is the assembly of its components. The ergonomically inclined control panel allows a perfect view of the cooking functions while the one-touch ignition knobs provides more practicality of use with its wide grasp surface.

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Linea Diamante's beauty not only lies in the appearance but also in the fruits that it yields. Creating delectable and perfectly done dishes with the precision-cooking capability and flexibility of the 9-Setting Multifunctional Oven, a feature present in most of the Linea Diamante models.

For kitchen "gourmets" who want the perfect cooking companion, get the best inspiration amongst the collection of Linea Diamante. It's absolutely made right for you.

The Linea Diamante by La Germania, adore the splendor.

Linea Diamante is now available for viewing at the 28th BPI Card Installment Madness at the Glorietta from June 19 to July 7.

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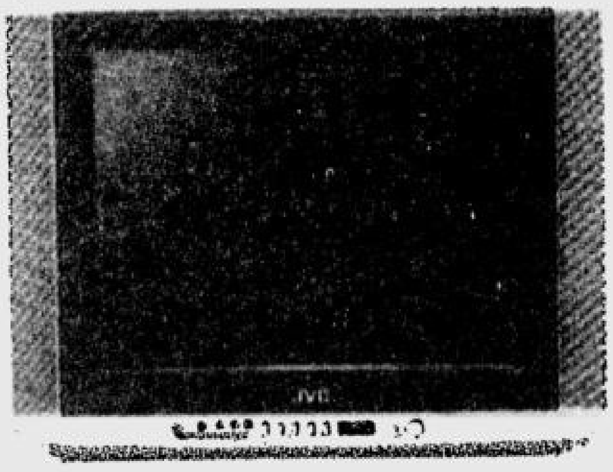

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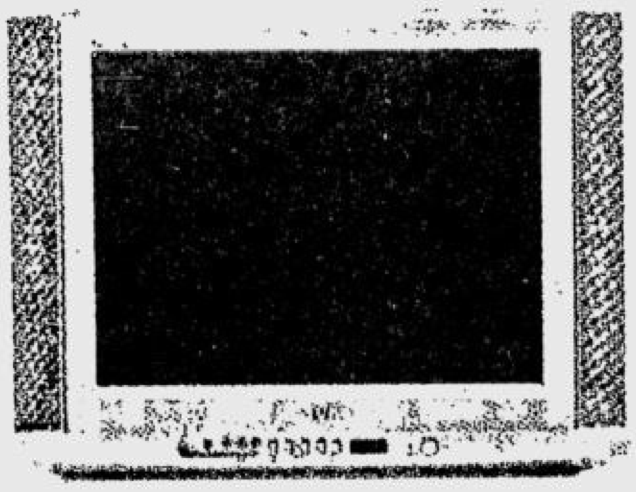

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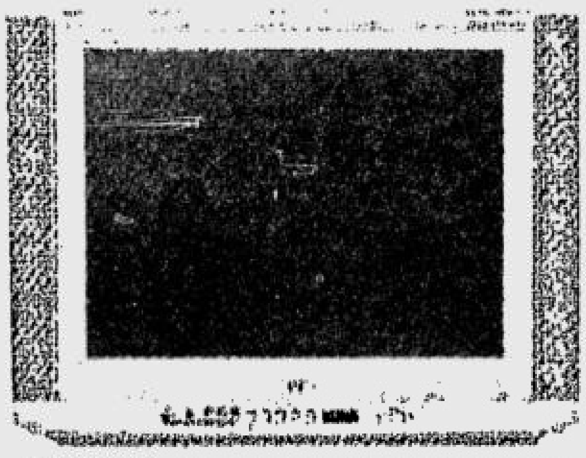

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